

THE WAR INDEMNITY

The Powers Will Not Permit Turks to Exact Heavy Damages.

INTRIGUES OF COUNT MURAVIEFF.

Russia's Foreign Minister Offends the Dowager Empress—Lord Salisbury's Proposition to Hold a Conference of the Great Powers at Paris.

London, May 2.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail learns that the powers will not consent to the levying of indemnity upon Greece, and that both Austria and Germany are trying to induce the Porte to modify its demands.

It is semi-officially stated that Lord Salisbury's proposal to the powers for a conference at Paris to discuss measures with a view of ending the war between Turkey and Greece has already been under consideration for several days at the various foreign offices and may now be considered definitely abandoned.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Paris says that 200 American volunteers for Greece have arrived there and gone on to Marseilles. They were all Greeks, and all wore ribbons bearing the inscription, "War, for Victory or Death."

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Copenhagen learns from an absolutely reliable source that Count Muravieff, the Russian foreign minister, was formerly a protégé of the Russian dowager empress and a firm supporter of her policy, but while the dowager empress was engaged in family councils at Copenhagen recently Count Muravieff improved the opportunity to make himself master of the situation at St. Petersburg and to inaugurate a policy of his own, which was absolutely against all the principles of the dowager empress and of the Greek party at Copenhagen.

In her absence from St. Petersburg, Count Muravieff acquired a leading influence over the czar and persuaded him to change his views. The dowager empress, on learning of the treachery of her favorite, hastened back to St. Petersburg with the object of doing battle with Muravieff and of having a voice in the draft of the czar's speech to Emperor Joseph at the recent banquet.

Captain Rabbek of King George's personal staff has wired from Athens that the right wing of the Greek army had repulsed the Turks, but that the left wing had retreated behind the old frontier line to avoid being circumvented. Captain Rabbek adds: "The Greek army in Epirus, after defeat at Pentepegradia, has retired to Arta. All hope of continuing the war is now virtually abandoned. The fleet has returned to Volo for the protection of the inhabitants."

Greek Rout in Epirus.

London, May 2.—The Times' correspondent at Patras, giving details of the fighting at Pentepegradia, where the Greeks were routed, notes the neglect of the officers to provide for the timely arrival of reinforcements, a matter so difficult in that wild section of the country, and proceeds:

"When the Turks opened the attack, I realized that their fierce onset might expel the mere handful of Greeks, but I did not realize that this one blow would throw the entire Greek army in Epirus into a hopeless panic and cause the loss of all the positions gained since the opening of the campaign."

"Six thousand Turks scaled the mountain, covered as it is with bushes and rocks, and in the face of a firing which was rapid and continuous. They lost heavily, in spite of the fact that two Greek guns were inexplicably removed from action shortly after the fusillade began. The evzones fought bravely, but were compelled to retire."

"The rest of the Greek positions have been abandoned. There has been apparently no stand anywhere, and the whole army is crumbling up without firing a shot. We entered Kumuzades, which 2,000 men with six guns had deserted, accompanied by the terrified villagers, carrying their property, and then we descended the rough pass, where for hours we met no one. The retreating and panic-stricken troops were far ahead. About midnight we and our mournful procession of villagers overtook the routed army on the road, crowded and in utter confusion, packed with a mass of humanity, tumbling on through the darkness without hurry and silently, for it was a strange panic that had seized the men—a sullen, unexcited, stubborn determination not to fight, but to press on toward Arta in a sluggish, irresistible wave. The officers, too, like their regiments, walked with gloomy and shame-faced expressions, quite unable to get their men in hand."

A Greek Joan of Arc.

Athens, May 3.—A band of 2,000 irregulars is about to start for the front, their standard bearer, a 19-year-old girl, Helen Constantinidis, dressed in the same uniform as the men.

The populace continues indignant at the filling of the railway carriages with the Crown Prince Constantine's baggage in the flight from Larissa, despite the protests of the railway officials. The people say they have been cheated and betrayed. They are also angry at the neglect of the government to call out the exempted reserves, who are for the most part relatives of ministers, deputies and aristocrats.

Communications with Volo still remain uncut. Locomotives have pushed out a short distance toward Larissa, and they report that the line is apparently little damaged. The authorities are distributing rifles and bayonets to civilians indiscriminately, thus increasing the panic.

powers are about to mediate between the two antagonists. The Italian and Austrian ministers have had a long interview with M. Kaim and M. Scoulovis.

War Preparations Continue.

Constantinople, May 3.—War preparations go on with unabated vigor. Two commissions, composed of officials of the ministries of public works and of war, have been formed for the purpose of inspecting railways and facilitating the dispatch of troops to the frontier.

It has been decided to extinguish the torches in all the lighthouses on the gulf of Smyrna as far as Karaburun during the continuance of the war.

It is officially announced that the Greeks residing in Turkey may become naturalized as an alternative to leaving the country. This will be compulsory for all Greeks officially employed in Turkey.

The Porte has undertaken to provide guards for the protection of the American missions in Asia Minor and has promised that these shall not be removed without the consent of the American legation.

Greeks Reoccupy Filiplada.

Arta, May 3.—After remaining inactive for two days, the Greek troops have reinvaded Epirus. The Sixth regiment advanced to and occupied Filiplada for the third time without fighting. The Turks are still at Pentepegradia, and Imaret has been fortified, the military bridge over the river Arta having been destroyed. The streets of Arta present a strange scene, with the continuous exodus of citizens and the steady incoming of the peasantry, who camp out in the streets around fires, with thousands of sheep and cattle.

Turks Claim Victory in Epirus.

Washington, May 3.—The Turkish legation makes public the following dispatch from the foreign office at Constantinople: "According to a telegram received from the commandant of the army at Janina, Loures has just been retaken and occupied by the imperial troops."

Ismail Pasha Protests.

Khania, Crete, May 3.—Ismail Pasha, governor of the island, has protested against the decision of the admirals allowing food to be supplied to inhabitants in the interior. He demands an abolition of the blockade or its complete re-establishment.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Oil was struck at a depth of 96 feet in a well that was drilled on the Fountain farm, two miles north of Bolivar, N. Y.

A young doctor of New York who had taken poison by mistake, was arrested for scorching while riding to a hospital on his bicycle.

William Bellis, a helpless paralytic, was burned to death in the house of his son, Delos Bellis, a prominent citizen at Penn Yan, N. Y. Mr. Bellis was alone in the house.

Twenty-six anarchists, in addition to the five formerly sentenced to death at Barcelona, were condemned to death for complicity in the bomb outrage of June 7 last at the feast of Corpus Christi.

Edward Lower, while attempting to escape from Patrolman Eugene Sullivan, in Buffalo, fired two shots at his captor, one of which took effect in the officer's groin. Sullivan held to his prisoner until assistance arrived.

The house of a farmer named Breder, near White Oak creek, in Tennessee, was struck by a waterspout and demolished. The farmer, his wife and child were instantly killed, and two farmhands were so badly injured that they died during the day. The neighboring houses were not damaged.

Receivers For Big Steel Company.

Newcastle, Pa., May 3.—Upon the application of the Croton Limestone company Judge Wallace has appointed Edwin N. Ohi and William E. Reis of this city receivers of the big Atlantic Iron and Steel company, which owns the Atlantic furnaces and rolling mill in this city, as well as having leased works in Sharon and Greenville, Mercer county. This course became necessary as a protection to the creditors of the company, owing to the failure of the firm of Plumb Burditt, Barnard & Co. of Buffalo. The court granted the receivers permission to continue in operation the blast furnace and other branches of the business in this city, and it is more than likely that none of the works operated by the company will be shut down, at least from the above cause.

Rain Saved the Town.

Nanticoke, Pa., May 3.—A disastrous fire occurred in Glen Lyon, a mining town five miles from this place. It originated in Kennedy's hotel, and that structure was entirely consumed, together with a large dwelling house and bottling works, all the property of P. S. Kennedy. The fire was the work of an incendiary. But for the heavy rain the whole town would have been destroyed. The inmates of the hotel narrowly escaped with their lives. The damage is over \$10,000, with light insurance.

Catholic Bishop Retires.

Wilmington, Del., May 3.—Bishop Alfred Curtis of the Catholic diocese of Wilmington preached his farewell sermon at St. Peter's church yesterday, and retired to private life. His successor is Bishop Monaghan, who, upon his appointment last fall, came from Charleston, S. C., where he had been assistant priest. There was a large congregation, and Bishop Curtis made a feeling valedictory. He cited as his reason for leaving the church his physical infirmities and his desire to retire to private life. He said he was 60 years of age, and had been in the ministry for a long term of years. Bishop Elect Monaghan will be installed next Sunday.

EARTHQUAKE AT LIMA

Some Severe Shocks Felt at the Peruvian Capital.

FORMER MANIFESTATIONS IN PERU.

There Have Been Many Seismic Disturbances in the South American City, When Great Loss of Life and Property Have Occurred.

Lima, Peru, via Galveston, May 3.—An earthquake of great violence and long duration has occurred here, shaking up the city and the immediate neighborhood.

Great alarm immediately prevailed throughout the city, and the church bells were rung, summoning the inhabitants to special services, at which prayers were offered up for the cessation of the shocks.

No disasters have been reported up to the present time. The trembling of the earth extended from Chincha to Casma, and the old walls of the city fell.

No very serious earthquake has been reported from Peru for several years. There was a strong disturbance on March 23, 1896, and though the destruction was not great, the anxiety was intense, owing to the fact that March 29 is the anniversary of the complete destruction of Lima many years ago and to the feeling that the disturbances of the 28th were only preliminary to a general disaster.

The last seismic disturbance in Peru occurred on Oct. 26, 1896. The trembling was felt in Lima and extended over a considerable area without, however, being very serious at any point.

The earthquake of March 28 caused a great exodus to the mountains, the movement from Lima exceeding even that which took place in 1896, on the eve of the bombardment of the city by the Spanish fleet. The superstitious fear of a repetition of the terrible disaster of years ago spread all over Peru and to Chile. At Valparaiso the anxiety as the ill fated day approached was very great, and there was a sign of relief when it passed in safety.

Great Destruction in Venezuela.

The terrible earthquake in Venezuela on April 23, 1894, is well remembered. There was great loss of life and destruction of property. The villages of Merida, Lagunillas, Chiguara and San Juan were almost destroyed, and the disturbances extended to the neighboring republic of Colombia. It was estimated that several thousand persons, mostly in northwestern Venezuela, lost their lives. Merida had been once before—in 1812—destroyed by earthquake. In that year, too, Caracas was visited by most destructive quakes, 12,000 persons losing their lives. In 1853 two severe shocks were felt at Cumana, Venezuela. The city was badly damaged and 600 persons killed.

Some of the most extensive disasters of this character in recent years have occurred in northern Japan. In the latter part of August and first days of September of last year a succession of shocks caused enormous destruction in the province of Akita. At Senya, hills opened in many places, and fire burst from the cracks. The population fled in terror to the interior. Many lives were lost, and hundreds of houses collapsed.

This earthquake was, however, not so disastrous as those of October, 1891. Then the island of Hondu was shaken from end to end and side to side, 30,000 houses were demolished and 2,000 persons killed outright in the city of Nanyoa. In Gifu 5,000 were killed and as many houses destroyed. Altogether nearly 10,000 lives were lost, 9,000 persons injured and 75,000 houses demolished. By these convulsions mountains were literally split in twain, towns prostrated and their debris consumed by succeeding conflagrations.

The disturbances extended over an area of 20,000 square miles. The earthquakes in this instance were accompanied by landslides and these by noises seeming to come from far below the earth's surface with a sound like the escape of steam through a gigantic horn.

Scientists continue to differ in details as to what causes earthquakes, but they nearly all agree now that these phenomena are symptoms that the earth is growing old and slowly approaching the point of general collapse.

Meeting of Locomotive Men.

Trenton, May 3.—Representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen held a public meeting in Taylor Opera House last night. Addresses were made by Mayor Sickel, ex-Congressman Buchanan, Grand Chief Arthur of the engineers, Grand Master Sargent of the firemen and Second Vice Grand Master Dodge of the trainmen. The addresses were mainly devoted to the benefits of organization. It is understood that the chief subject considered was the establishment of a central association, so that in any matter affecting either of the organizations the three could act as one.

Police Raid Barrooms.

Westerly, R. I., May 3.—The police raided the Granite City hotel and the Windsor House bar, seizing a large quantity of liquors. Dr. B. L. Lewis, a member of the town council, led the raiding party, and at the Granite City hotel, of which Councilman Cook is landlord, 20 men were found and about \$400 worth of liquors seized. At the Windsor House 12 men were found and \$50 worth of liquor carried away. Westerly is a no license town, but liquor has been openly sold here during the last few months.

POSTAL CONVENTION.

Business Will Open in Earnest Next Wednesday.

SOME MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED.

New Rules Will Be Discussed and Probably Adopted in Substitution of Old Ones in Order to Cover New Conditions.

Washington, May 3.—The postal operations of the world will pass in review before one of the most distinguished bodies that ever met in this country when the universal postal congress convenes in this city Wednesday. It is the first time that the Universal Postal union, now comprising and controlling, so far as the mails are concerned, every organized government save three—China, Korea and the Orange Free State—has had its delegates assemble in America, and the deliberations of its fifth biennial convention will be marked by perhaps more pronounced formality than has attended any convention of either national or international scope that has gathered in this country for a long period.

Sixty-odd countries and provinces will be represented by about 120 delegates, each country having but a single vote. The sessions will be held in the historic old building which until recently was the home of the Corcoran art gallery. The hall has been equipped with desks and other conveniences, and a postoffice will be in operation on the spot until the meetings close. The delegates who will form the congress are men of the highest rank in postal service. The postmasters general of several nations are among them, while leading diplomats have been sent by some of the countries. A portion of the delegates are already here.

It Will Last Six Weeks.

The gathering will be in Washington from a month to six weeks, but the congress itself will meet not more than a half dozen times. The real work, save that of ratification of proceedings when the committees report, which belongs to the full congress, devolves upon the four committees, at least one of which will be in session practically every day except Saturday and Sunday. One committee will have charge of the general treaty, which is adopted at every congress, and also will settle accounts between individual countries. With the latter this country has nothing to do. A second committee will take up arrangements for exchange of letters of declared value, the parcels post system and the postal books of identity used by some countries. A third will consider money orders, bills collectible by post and subscriptions through post-offices to newspapers and periodicals, while the fourth will put the new general treaty into definite shape for ratification.

The congress will be opened Wednesday morning by Postmaster General Gary, who will deliver his salutatory in English while the assemblage reads the French translation. This will occupy a little over five minutes, being a formal welcome. Then the senior delegate, not now selected, will respond in a few words. The election of a presiding officer will follow.

General George Batcheller, ex-minister to Portugal and chairman of the United States delegation, probably will be the honored one. The business of the congress will begin at once, all proceedings being conducted in French and behind barred doors.

The Work of the Congress.

Many measures will be brought forward for consideration. The new treaty or general convention, and several minor ones, signed by only two or three of the countries, will be discussed and adopted in substitution of old ones in order to cover new conditions. Perhaps the most important proposition will involve what is known as the intermediate transit system. This provides for compensation by the sending country to all countries over whose domains its mails are transported. An agreement to carry the mails of all the countries in the union mutually free will be sought, but probably voted down. Such countries as Belgium, which sends out little mail, but over whose lands much foreign mail is transported, at a big profit to the kingdom, will object to cutting off this revenue.

This practically defeats the scheme, as one well founded dissent kills a proposition. This country and a few others, however, have declared in favor of the free transportation. The ultimate action, it is said, probably will be the acceptance of the average weight statistics of the last six years as a basis of all intermediary transit accounts up to the assembly of the next congress—that is, up to 1903—when the issue will be revived.

The much agitated proposition to adopt a universal postage stamp, not good for domestic postage, but for convenient communication between countries, and the universal return stamped envelope proposition, having a similar scope, also will be brought up, but the probabilities of adoption are said to be against both, with the latter having the better chance of the two.

Cleveland Pioneer Dead.

Cleveland, May 3.—Miller M. Spangler, one of the pioneers of Cleveland, died here at the age of 84. He was the head of the house of M. M. Spangler & Co., mailers, and was the owner of much valuable real estate.

Joe Jefferson Goes to Crow's Nest.

Ruxards Bay, Mass., May 3.—Joseph Jefferson, the well known actor and friend of ex-President Cleveland, has arrived at Crow's Nest for the season. He was accompanied by Mrs. Jefferson.

THE SENATE RESUMES.

Programme of Matters to Be Taken Up During the Week.

Washington, May 3.—The senate has resumed business in earnest, and the week bids fair to be one of important results. According to agreement, a vote will be taken on the arbitration treaty on Wednesday. It is also quite probable that the committee vacancies will be filled and that the tariff bill will be reported to the senate. For the rest, Senator Morgan probably will call up his Cuban resolution, the sundry civil appropriation bill may be passed, and Senator Hoar has given notice that he will move to have the committee on rules discharged from the further consideration of his amendments to the rules for the limitation of debate.

There is great uncertainty as to the fate of the treaty, and it now looks as if the margin would not exceed two or three votes, whatever the result may be. There are a few unascertained votes, which will decide the result. A recent canvass made shows 40 votes certain for the treaty and 25 certain against it. Twenty-nine votes in opposition are sufficient to defeat it, but the opposition do not know just where these four votes can be found. There will be considerable sparring over the treaty before the vote is taken, but no prolonged debate is expected.

The consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill has been postponed until Senator Allison, who will have charge of it in the senate, can be present.

If Senator Hoar fulfills his promise to bring up the question of the amendment of the rules, his motion will be stubbornly resisted by the Democrats. Those of them who favor the changes proposed will not assent to them on the eve of the tariff fight.

The new senator from Kentucky, Hon. W. J. Deboe, probably will be sworn in.

The house programme contemplates adjournments for three days from Monday and Wednesday. Should the conference report on the Indian appropriation bill reach the house it will be considered. A suggestion to take action on the bankruptcy bill passed by the senate is being thought over and may reach some definite shape before the close of the week.

RUMORED AFRICAN DIFFULTY.

English Mission Said to Have Been Attacked by Natives.

Cape Coast Castle, Gold Coast, Africa, May 3.—Grave news has been received here as to the mission of Lieutenant Henderson at Wa. It is reported that Chief Samory has attacked the mission. Authentic details have not yet been received, but a serious disaster is feared.

The object of Lieutenant Henderson was to make treaties with the chiefs in Hinterland. He had a large escort, but the governor of Lagos has been asked to send on reinforcements. Furgulson, a colonial official who accompanied Lieutenant Henderson, is known to be severely wounded.

Wa is considered to be within the fear of British influence. Chief Samory is very powerful and had hitherto professed friendship for the British, though in the winter of 1895 he supported King Premph of Ashanti in his fight against the English.

Charged With Obtaining Fraudulent Loans.

Cincinnati, May 3.—A dispatch from Huntington, Ind., says: The alleged defalcations of Thomas L. Lucas and his son, Fred L. Lucas, have grown until they have reached \$35,000, and new victims are being heard of every hour. Both were members of the real estate, abstract and loan firm of T. L. Lucas & Son, and both have left the city. The firm, it is alleged, secured loans aggregating \$9,700 on property worth \$5,000; \$3,000 more was secured on lots at fictitious valuations. Fred Lucas, it is further alleged, secured an \$8,000 loan on a fictitious farm in Wabash county. This loan was obtained from Indianapolis.

Shortage in a Kentucky Penitentiary.

Frankfort, Ky., May 3.—The senate special committee which began an investigation of the local penitentiary several weeks ago has resumed operations with a vim. A big sensation, involving a number of as yet unknown parties, has been sprung at the prison. This time it is a money matter, and not a scandal, affecting the name of prison officials. It has been discovered by state officials who have been paying penitentiary accounts that the prison is short 1,000,000 feet of lumber, worth \$17,000. It is charged that a dozen men are involved, and the matter will be far-reaching, though only a few underlings are charged with guilt.

Suicide of a Philadelphia Lawyer.

New York, May 3.—Peter C. Burke, about 35 years old, supposed to have been a lawyer in Philadelphia, was found dead in a room in the Hotel Bartholdi, having committed suicide by suffocating himself with illuminating gas in the bathroom attached to the apartment he had occupied. The remains were removed to the morgue. From letters in the man's possession it was learned that he had been a Philadelphia lawyer. One of the letters showed that Burke was involved in a suit for divorce at the instance of

Kruger's Grandson Reinstated.

Pretoria, May 3.—Lieutenant Eloff, the grandson of President Kruger, has been reinstated and appointed chief lieutenant of the Pretoria police. Lieutenant Eloff was recently suspended from duty for using insulting language toward Queen Victoria. The charges against him were eventually dismissed on account of conflicting evidence. Even the semi-official newspapers express disapproval of the promotion of the president's grandson.

SURVIVORS LANDED.

Third Boat of Brigantine Vallant Is Picked Up.

SEVENTEEN DIE OF STARVATION.

Out of Twenty Occupants Only Four Were Alive When the Boat Was Sighted by the French Barkentine Victor Eugene.

St. Pierre, Miquelon, May 3.—Four more survivors of the wreck of the French brigantine Vallant have been brought to this port, making eight saved out of the 73 men on the vessel when she was wrecked.

The Vallant was bound from St. Malo, France, to this port, bringing over a large company of fishermen. When on the Grand banks on the night of April 16, sailing in a dense fog, the Vallant struck an iceberg and, quickly, sank. The men had barely time to lower and scramble into three small boats when the vessel foundered. One of these boats, into which 45 men had crowded, was swamped, and everyone of its occupants was drowned.

Death From Starvation.

A second boat, the dingy, in which seven men left the ship, was picked up on April 26 by the French barkentine Victor Eugene. Four men were lying in the boat alive but helpless. The Victor Eugene brought them to this port on the following day.

One man had died of starvation on the third day after the wreck; a second, on the fourth day and a third on the following day. The first two bodies were thrown into the sea. The living were too weak to toss the third body overboard. When they were rescued, it was found they had been kept alive by cannibalism.

In the third of the Vallant's boats were 21 men. They were lost sight of by the men in the dingy during the first night, and their fate was unknown until the French brigantine Amedee arrived here with four of the Vallant's company taken from the third small boat. They were the only survivors of the 21.

Kept Alive by a Dog.

Like their comrades in the dingy, these men had had no time to put food and water into the boat after the Vallant struck the iceberg, but as they were pushing away from the barkentine the ship's dog sprang into the boat. To this dog the four rescued men owe their lives.

One after another 17 of the boat's occupants died from the effects of hunger, thirst and the extreme cold. Some of them went mad before death put an end of their sufferings.

Not until the pangs of hunger became unendurable did the fishermen decide to sacrifice the dog. When he was killed, the greatest care was taken that not a drop of blood should be lost, but the few drops each man received for drink seemed to do little more than aggravate his terrible thirst. The dog's flesh served to keep some of the men alive a little longer, and from it the four survivors gained enough strength to outlive their fellows. There was a fierce struggle for the dog's flesh when the animal was killed.

The boat drifted at the mercy of wind and waves for days after the last morsel of the dog's flesh had been eaten, and the four men still alive were utterly helpless when their boat was seen by the Amedee and Captain Fortin of the brigantine changed his course and picked it up at midnight on the sixth day after the wreck. The four nearly dead fishermen were lifted aboard the Amedee and carefully fed and nursed until they reached St. Pierre, where they were sent to join the other Vallant survivors in the hospital. They are still in a terribly weak condition, but it is thought none will die.

The surgeons performed amputations upon the Vallant survivors. Two, who lost their hands and lower parts of their legs, are not expected to recover. The other two, who underwent similar operations, are somewhat better off. The remaining four are still very weak. None of the eight can be said to be out of danger.

The story told by the party rescued that dog food was all they had to eat is discredited here by many. It is feared and believed that they also were compelled to resort to human flesh.

Schooner Wrecked by the Storm.

New York, May 3.—Captain J. W. Edwards of life saving station No. 2, Spinnecott cove, near Sandy Hook, reported that the schooner E. F. C. Young, Captain Thomas, from James river, Va., for Burbank Point, N. Y., with a cargo of pine wood, had gone ashore near that place. A heavy gale was blowing from the eastward and a heavy sea running, and it was with much difficulty and danger that the crew was finally taken off the stranded vessel by the life savers. The schooner has become a total wreck. She hailed from

A Fisherman Drowned.

Breakwater, Del., May 3.—Joseph Briand, aged 22 years, of St. Peters, Cape Breton, a fisherman on board the schooner Lizzie Smith, was knocked overboard three miles southeast of Cape Henlopen and drowned. The crew of the schooner was unable to recover the body.

Suicide.

Oneonta, N. Y., May 3.—Julius Hartom, aged 46, of Maryland, died at his father's home at Middlefield from "laudum," taken, it is said, with suicidal intent.

The Weather.

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Women's Dress Goods Will Come High.
The extremely high duties which Dingley proposes to collect from women's dress goods should be more generally understood by the women of this country. It is they who must suffer most because of these duties. Here are a few samples of the increased duties taken from a list prepared by Mr. P. B. Warrall of the dress goods importing firm of Fred Butterfield & Co. of New York:

"A wool and cotton cloth costing in England 1s. per yard, equal to 24 cents in our money, weighing 16 ounces to the running yard, costs under the present tariff 65 cents per yard, while under the proposed tariff it would cost 67 1/2 cents per yard.

"A wool and cotton cloth costing in England 2s. 4d. per yard, equal to 50 cents in our money, weighing 28 ounces to the running yard, and costing under the present tariff 78.4 cents per yard, would under the proposed tariff cost \$1.48 per yard.

"An all worsted cloth, costing in England 2s. 1d. per yard, equal to 50 cents in our money, weighing 16 ounces to the running yard, and costing under the present tariff 70 cents per yard, would cost under the proposed tariff \$1.29 per yard.

"A 32 inch black serge (cotton warp), costing in England 7 5/8d. per yard, equal to 15.25 cents, weighing less than 4 ounces to the square yard, costs under the present tariff 22.87 cents per yard. Under the proposed tariff it will cost 30.07 cents per yard.

"A 27 inch black seilienne (cotton warp), costing in England 7 7/8d. per yard, equal to 15.75 cents in our money, weighing 3 1/2 ounces to the running yard, costs under the present tariff 25.62 cents per yard. Under the proposed tariff it will cost 33.92 cents per yard.

Iniquitous Lumber Tariff.
"The proposed tariff on lumber," the Boston Transcript (Rep.) says, "is simply a measure to pick the pockets and crush the industry of a large, useful and influential class of American citizens. It is an economic, unscientific, suicidal. The statements upon which this schedule was made up are shown to have been insidious and misleading. The result will be to strip the country of an annually recurring income, but of its white pine principal, which at present rates is within ten years of exhaustion, and also to ruin a large class of business men in this country who deserve better things. It does not seem possible that men claiming to represent the people will permit such a measure to have the force of law. If they do, it will cease to be folly and become iniquity."

Feeling the Farmer.
Sample rates from the Dingley bill, with comparisons showing the overwhelming loss to competition to which the farmer is subjected and what protection the ways and means committee regards as indispensable:

Duty.	Exports from United States.	Exports from Foreign Countries.
Barley, 50c. per bu.	87.334 bu.	7,633,231 bu.
Corn, 50c. per bu.	4,533 bu.	23,533,333 bu.
Oats, 15c. per bu.	4,533 bu.	13,533,333 bu.
Rye, 15c. per bu.	4,533 bu.	13,533,333 bu.
Wheat, 50c. per bu.	2,119,660 bu.	69,433,333 bu.
Flour, 50c. ad val.	1,234 bu.	14,533,333 lbs.
Butter, 6c. per lb.	52,007 lbs.	15,533,333 lbs.
Potatoes, 25c. per bu.	17,230 bu.	3,000 bu.
Total value of these exports during the fiscal year 1916.	\$14,033,333	\$14,033,333
Total value imports.	1,834,333	

Admits Prices Will Be Higher.
With regard to Chairman Dingley's admission that the duty on wool will increase the price of wool, the *Kings City Times* says: "The consumer is not the foreigner, therefore, pays the tariff tax. It concedes also that the home producer puts up his prices arbitrarily. Mr. Dingley's own words are a confession that the Dingley bill is a fraud and a robbery of the people for the benefit of the few individuals and corporations."

The most retroactive feature of the Dingley bill is the provision for paying back to the big manufacturers their campaign contributions.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

—The oldest house in Maine is said to be the Sylvester house, at Small Point, the age of which is put at 150 years.

—On a train between Boston and Portland a mail clerk discovered a letter addressed to Frankfort-on-the-Main which was being sent to Maine.

—Robins and Maybrowsers have already been reported in various parts of Maine, while other parts of the state are still in the throes of winter.

—In the seventeenth century the average duration of life was only 13 years; in the eighteenth, 20; in this century it is 36. Look out for the twentieth.

—A Utean paid a visit recently for the first time in 51 years to Alexandria, Va., to make a search for the house where he boarded in 1846 while recruiting for the Mexican war.

—No nettle shirt is needed by the clergyman who has charge of the German Baptist churches at Topeka and Atchison, Kan., who is reminded of his obligations every time he is addressed. He is Rev. Elibetree.

—An English Scotchman was asked to tie up a dog, and resigned on the ground that it was the butler's duty. The butler declined and resigned, and after six servants had left, the earl tied the dog up himself.

—We need nearly 3,000 cubic feet of fresh air per hour for breathing purposes, but we can do with as little as 2,500. Children need less, and there are now building schools to give the children 1,500 cubic feet per hour.

—The largest orchard in Great Britain is at Tootington, in the county of Gloucester. It is 500 acres in extent, and in some seasons yields its owner, Lord Sudley, a profit of \$50,000. The trees are chiefly apples and plums.

Sad Case.
Good people, kindly send a tear or two of sympathy for Uncle Billy Sands, who got the rheumatism in his arms because his time hung heavy on his hands.

—Chicago Tribune.



Mrs. Ostrich—So you are the sucker I've been laying for?—Up-to-date.

Tompkins' New Store.
NO. 8 EAST MAIN STREET,
in Store Formerly Occupied as Burnett's Shoe Store.
Special Dress Goods Sale, Beginning Monday, April 26, and Continuing 1 Week

We can sell goods at these prices, because we sell to everyone strictly for cash, and have no losses in bad debts. The merchant who puts half of his sales down on his ledger each day can't compete in price with Tompkins, the Cash Buyer and Seller. Our store is becoming one of the sights of the town. We are hustlers unparalleled, and trade and everything else is coming our way. People marveled when Tompkins' New Store set the wheels of popular prices agog three weeks ago. Other merchants said they couldn't keep it up. To-day they buzz faster than ever. Big prices will not do in these times when even the wealthy cannot afford to waste their money, and the poor require double duty of every dollar and every penny. At every sale we have our counters loaded with goods, and it is our aim to name figures that will compel you in self defense to buy of us. We deal in good goods, and believe the masses will patronize the house that sells the best goods for the least money. AT THIS GREAT SALE we will place before the people some laudables that are positively beyond the whisper of competition or comparison. Prices that will teach you in the silent logic of truth the difference between the cash and the credit system, between the right and the wrong way. Hence we throw out among the masses these matchless goods and matchless prices to check the insane and criminal practice of wasting money for the consideration of a little credit. New advanced ideas, crowding out the old. Pluck, instead of luck. Cash instead of credit. Be on hand Monday and get your share of these goods.

Read These Matchless Prices

for fine Dress Goods, the lowest figures in years. We are confident that such values as we this week offer are unparalleled in the history of the retail dry goods trade of this country. See and be convinced. Greatest bargains in Colored Dress Goods ever seen.

15c Cashmeres, in Shades of

Navy, cardinal, brown, tan and gray mixtures, also plaids. Tompkins' sale price 35c a yard.

25 Pieces of Fine 35c Cashmeres

in all the new shades and colorings. Tompkins' sale price 15c a yard.

At 25c a Yard During Sales

Week, new mixtures and checks in brown, navy and olive, beautiful goods, worth 35c.

20 Pieces of New All Wool

Cashmere and novelty mixtures, regular 50c goods, at Tompkins' sale buy them for 35c a yard.

Fancy All Wool Check Plaids,

Plaids and stripes, 45 inch Storm Serge, that will not pull or wrinkle, sport all wool French silk finished Henriettes in all the new spring shades and colorings. These goods at other stores cost from 75c to 85c. At Tompkins' great dress goods sale buy them for 50c a yard.

A Great Special is Three Pieces

of fine Twilled Black Serge and also of fine silk finished Henriettes, during sale week price is 50c a yard.

A Lot of Fancy Novelties

and Plaids, 15 pieces in the lot, some yard wide, and worth 25c, all go at one price during sales week, 12 1/2c a yard.

15 Dozen Men's Fine Suspenders

worth 25c, at sale 10c a pair.

Muslin Sale.

At former sales of yard wide Muslin, unbleached, we had a fine muslin. Our city buyer has secured 2,500 yards of very heavy Unbleached Muslin, at sale price will be 35c a yard. We sell not more than 20 yards to each customer, because we can never get any more at this price, and we want as many as possible to get a share of this.

3,000 Yards of Good Bleached Muslin

one yard wide, usual price 65c. Tompkins' sale price 35c a yard. Not more than 20 yards to a customer.

10 Gross of Toilet Soap,

usual price 4 to 5c a cake. While they last, during sales week, 1 cent a cake.

50 White Crochet Bed Quilts,

worth 50c, at Tompkins' sale 45c each.

25 Very Fine \$1.25 White Bed Quilts,

at Tompkins' sale 75c each.

100 Red Table Spreads,

measure 62 inches by 53 inches, including fringe, at sale 25c each.

50 Dozen Very Heavy Unbleached

Turkish Bath Towels and 25 dozen large Huck Towels, sales price 10c each.

Best 25c Table Oil Cloth

at Tompkins' sale 12c a yard.

Best Carpet Warp

in 5 pound bundles, white, 70c.; colors 80c.

Feather Ticking.

Fifteen pieces in this lot, a grade that usually sells for 15 to 18c.; at Tompkins' sale buy it for 10c a yard. This is not striped ticking, but good heavy narrow blue striped feather ticking.

Coin Spot Dotted Swiss

for Sash Curtains, 5c a yard; Serim 35c a yd.

Pants Goods.

Ten pieces of heavy cotton mixed and striped Pants Goods, regular price 25c. Tompkins' sale buy it for 12 1/2c a yard.

Gentlemen's All Wool Bicycle Hose.

They are 50c goods; at sale, price will be 10 a pair.

Embroidery Sale.

Cambrie Embroidery, 8 and 9 inches wide, all beautiful patterns, actual value 25c a yard. Tompkins' sale price 15c a yard.

50 Pieces of Wide Cambrie Embroidery,

regular 25c a yard; at Tompkins' sale 10c a yard.

A Lot of 5 and 6c Embroideries.

All go at 2 and 3c a yard sales week.

Millinery.

We have a lot of new Straw Shapes, Ostrich Tips and Flowers; also Millinery and Ribbons at prices much below what you pay. As our space will not allow us to quote prices on all, we give two lots only. Lot 1—12 dozen Silk and Velvet Flowers, worth 25c.; at Tompkins' sale 10c each. Lot 2—10 dozen Black Ostrich Plumes, worth 75c.; while they last, price 15c each.

Silks.

Shepherd Checks and Figured Wash Silks 25c; Figured Drapery Silks, very wide, 35c.; elegant Taffeta Silks, plain and two toned, in all latest shades, at sale 65c a yard.

Good Chemille Curtains \$1.80

a pair; Chemille Table Covers 80c each.

Ladies' Capes and Skirts.

A good Black Skirt 80c.; others at \$1.50 and \$2.50. Closing out of Ladies' Capes at low prices at this sale.

Clark's Cotton 3c a Spool.

Wherever the pain is, there apply an

Allcock's Porous Plaster

whether in the chest, back, limbs, or stomach. Make sure you get Allcock's. Do not be persuaded to accept a substitute.

For Easter Dinner—All the Delicacies of the Season.

Fancy White Plume celery, extra fine Navel Oranges, Large Boston Head Lettuce, Fresh Spinach, Cucumbers, Radish, Fancy New Potatoes, Asparagus, Sweet Potatoes, String Beans, Choice Roasted Coffees, Gilt Edge Table Butter, Plum Pudding, Granose Flakes, Queen Olives, Taragon Vinegar, etc. Come early and get your choice. **CITY GROCERS.**

Bull & Youngblood

56 North St., Opp. Postoffice

Best Ground Nova Scotia LAND PLASTER!

Also a Horse and a One-Horse Grocery Wagon, with top, for sale.

I. B. A. TAYLOR & Co.,
NO. 80 WEST MAIN STREET

INSURANCE

in old, strong companies against both fire and

LOSS OF RENT
resulting from fire.

A. B. WILBUR

Victory Won by Cream of Wheat and in Fresh Vegetables.

We have string beans, home-grown asparagus, new cabbage, beets, radishes, strawberries, celery, green onions, tomatoes, new potatoes, cauliflower, spinach, pineapples, cucumbers, new beets, green peas, kale, horse radish, mustard and Mrs. Holbrook's Golden German Salad.

DEWEY & MUNDY,
40 North St. Telephone 39.

S. W. Millsbaugh & Co.'s Bookstore

is the place to find a fine assortment of **EASTER CARDS!**

We have taken the agency for the new '27 Arena Bicycle, a \$100 Ladies' or Gents' Wheel that we sell for \$25, also the Champion Ladies' or Gents' Wheel—a \$75 Bicycle that we sell for \$50, also a good Boy's or Girl's Bicycle, same grade, to sell for \$25.50. We have a \$150 Bicycle to sell for \$27.50. New Tires this spring. A good strong wheel and a bargain. If you want a good, reliable wheel at a reasonable price, you will find it in these wheels sold at

S. W. MILLSBAUGH & CO.,
20 North street.

Special Low Prices For Four Days

on many goods in our line before moving back to our store, corner James and King streets, on May 4th. We have bargains to offer you.

C. N. PREDMORE & SON.

Ladies Who Value
A refined complexion must use Poreol's Powder. It produces a soft and beautiful skin.

**REMEMBER THE LOCATION,
TOMPKINS' NEW STORE,
No. 8 East Main Street, Middletown.**



Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

KATE GARDNER'S CHAT.

Natty Costumes Designed for Fair Devotees of the Wheel.

The Foremost Designers of the World Are Taking an Interest in Cycling Suits This Season—Some Charming Models.

(Special Chicago Letter.)

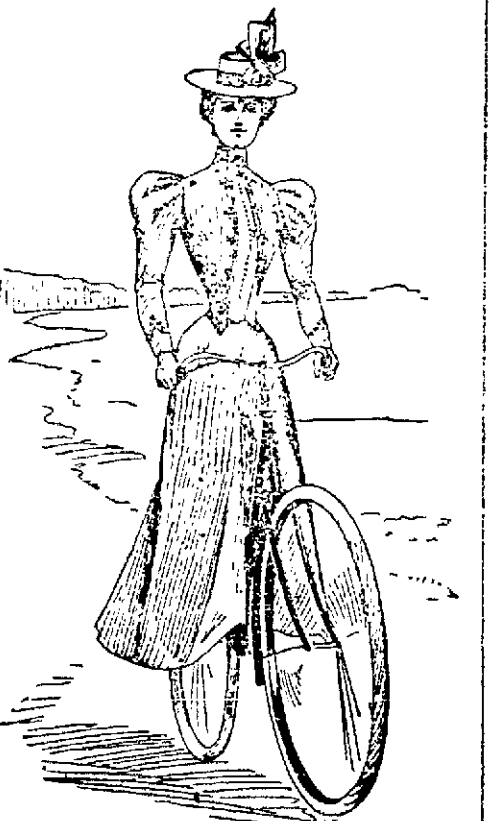
The cycling costume plays a most important part in the wardrobe of the up-to-date woman. She gives it as much thought and attention as she would bestow upon her prettiest and most bewitching house gown, and its style and material and whole general effect are as carefully planned and considered as the most elegant and fetching street



SWELL BEYOND DESCRIPTION.

costume could possibly be. Time was, and not so very long ago either, when anything was esteemed good enough to wear on the wheel; and what frights, not to use a harsher term, some women did make of themselves while carrying out this erroneous idea! Fortunately all this is changed now, and the female votaries of the wheel have come at last to realize the fact that there is no reason on earth why they should not look just as chic and charming when on their machines as when dressed for calling or the promenade. As a natural result, all the latest cycling costumes are stylish and smart, and, at the same time, thoroughly sensible and womanlike in every particular. The skirts are for the most part made perfectly plain, and at first glance seem quite easy and simple in their adjustment, but are on the contrary somewhat complicated in their interior arrangement, owing to successions of elastic bands and semidivisions, which serve in a most satisfactory manner to keep the skirt in proper position, even should the rider be going right in the teeth of a high wind.

Many of these skirts, even in the cheaper grades of goods, are so cleverly contrived, by means of the straps and bands, that when the wearer is riding or walking or pushing her wheel her skirt has altogether the look and hang of a smart walking costume. These skirts are mostly finished in a severely plain manner. At the bottom some have a six-inch hem, headed by three rows of machine stitching, while others again are cut off and faced to the depth of four inches with a bias band of soft leather. This latter finish, however, is only seen on the models hailing from England, the French and German tailors showing a decided preference for the broad hem and machine stitching. A few skirts are trimmed by braiding



AN ENGLISH PRODUCTION.

put on in a rather larger and showy pattern, but the best makers do not send out this style of work unless specially ordered. They take the stand, and a wise one it is, too, that any attempt at ornamentation of the kind on an outing dress is in not good taste, to say the least; and so resolutely have some of them set their faces against it that two well-known houses will not even take orders for the braided cycling skirt. The length of the newest skirt is just to the instep and all, without a single exception, have the front and side widths lined with thin silk. To even attempt to make a thing of beauty out of the divided skirt seemed almost a hopeless task, yet some enterprising artist has just put on the market a divided garment that is really pleasing to look upon, and one that promises to have phenomenal popularity as the sea-

son advances. It is arranged in such a way, by a simple adjustment at the back, that the instant the rider is in the saddle the skirt falls in natural folds and has all the advantages and none of the ugliness of the old-time divided skirt.

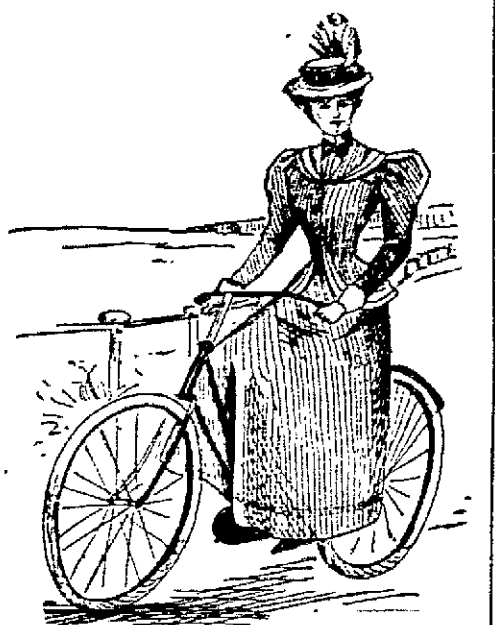
In the matter of coats, blouses and bodices the choice is simply without limit, and every rider may easily decide upon one whose style kindly lends itself to every requirement of her particular figure.

Many of the coats are very similar to those of last year, excepting, of course, the sleeves, which have dwindled to about half their size. Some of the newest coats for cycling fit quite snugly to the figure, are closed with just one button and cut away in a curved shape below the waist, very much like a gentleman's morning coat. The all-conquering bolero has invaded the cycling world, and many of the handsomest costumes boast this charming little adjunct to the bodice.

The sweetest thing of all perhaps in the way of a bolero is the one in the picture, made of royal blue serge, braided in black and gold and lined throughout with plaid taffeta silk.

As far as materials are concerned, there are few things nicer for cycling wear than the new lightweight covert cloths, tweeds, meltons and the useful and ever-becoming mohair serge, while the favorite colors include almost every known shade of brown, soft gray and deep blue, not to forget the lovely violets and greens, shading from the lightest down to the darkest and most vivid. When it comes to general utility there are certain shades of tan, light gray and medium blue which seem the wisest thing to buy, for the dust—that enemy of good looks and comfort when cycling—plays but little havoc with such colors as these, while, on the other hand, there are shades of deep red, the new Russian green, not to mention a particular shade of blue, all of which would prove vastly more becoming to the majority of cycling women.

Venetian cloth is much sought after on the wheel, also melton woven in a sort of heather mixture. They make most effective costumes when completed by one of the new mess jackets with collar and cuffs of dark brown velvet. A genuinely tailor-made cycling costume, and one exceedingly easy to copy, is the second one in the illustration. It is made of Venetian cloth, in an exquisite shade of tan, and has a natty



COMFORTABLE AND STYLISH.

little zouave coat just reaching to the waist line. This opens over a vest of white melton, fastened down in front by gilt studs set very close together. This coat is trimmed with black tabular braid and edged with a most effective braiding done in dark brown and gold. The skirt is quite plain, but is cut and fitted so perfectly that it hangs in the most approved manner. The third costume is carried out in melton and has the skirt so delightfully arranged as to give comfort and safety when on the machine and a singularly graceful appearance when walking. The little coat which is really the chief feature of the suit is very smartly cut and finished with a border consisting of two distinct flaps of the blue cloth and a flap of white kid in the center. These flaps are very prettily repeated on the collar and cuffs and both are edged with fine gold braid. This exceedingly chic coat is lined throughout with pale blue satin and fastened in front with two large gold buttons enameled in blue and white.

As to the shirtwaists intended for wear on the wheel their name is legion. There are shirts in silk, fine soft flannel, in zephyr pique and cambrie, to say nothing of the ideal ones in madras with silk stripes in pale green, coral pink and turquoise blue, all of which will be simply charming for warm weather wear. The turnover collar shows no sign of losing favor, in fact, its popularity seems rather to wax than wane. The woman who has the least regard for good appearance when mounted on her wheel cannot be too careful in selecting her headgear. The smartest cycling costume ever made, when crowned by an unbecoming or inappropriate hat, misses its good effect, and is in fact entirely wasted. Opinions differ widely as to what is really the proper hat for the purpose, but in making a selection there are two requisites that should never be lost sight of. They are suitability and becomingness, and certainly the flower-bedecked hats affected by some cyclists this season do not come under this head by any manner of means.

The latest cycling shoe shows a broad toe with patent leather vamp and glaze kid top, fastened over the instep by a narrow strap and finished, of course, with a corrugated rubber sole. This is said to be ideally comfortable on the foot, as well as being an attractive sight on the pedal. This season's cycling boots are somewhat different from those worn last summer. They are very high, across the instep is a wide elastic webbing so placed as to give perfect freedom to the ankle when working the pedal.

KATE GARDNER.

FISH STORIES IN THE KORAN.

Sacred Book of Mohammedans Harder to Believe Than Some Others.

In imitation of other religions the Moslems have their ancient Scriptures, giving a history of the world, from Adam down through their great prophet, Ibrahim (Abraham). Prof. Edwin Johnson, of London, undertakes to prove, in his "Rise of Christendom," that the Hebrew Bible is 100 years younger than the Moslem chronicle of Al Tabani, which was redacted about A. D. 900, and the New Testament was composed after A. D. 1200. According to the Moslem Scriptures Joseph, a prophet of the children of Israel, was sent to the city of the territory of Mouscoul, which embraces Antioch and several other towns, all given to idolatry. The people refused to believe, and Allah threatened a chastisement should they not repent. On the day appointed Jonas departed, and Allah sent a red cloud filled with fire, which hovered over the city in the night. The king and the people gathered together. The king said: "Seek for Jonas, that we may believe Allah, for what he has told us is the truth."

When Jonas heard that they sought him he said, in anger: "Why do they not believe this day?" So he would not return. The king caused all the people to go forth out of the city, with their quadrupeds and birds. There they covered themselves with dust, and the king said: "Oh, Lord, though Jonas, thy prophet, be gone, we lose not confidence in Thee. We believe on Thee, Allah, and thy prophet." The prayers and the sobs of the multitude made the angels in Heaven weep, and Allah pardoned the city. But Jonas was not there. He had embarked on a passenger vessel and was far out at sea. Allah caused a big fish to stop the vessel. The crew prayed and wept and prepared for death. Then Jonas knew that he had committed a sin and he said to the sailors: "It is I whom the fish desires; cast me to it." When they knew he was a prophet of Allah they refused to do it, but they cast lots and the lot fell on Jonas. Then he cast himself into the sea and was swallowed by the fish. "This species of fish," says the Koran, "has a raised back like the roof of a house, and to this day he is held sacred from pursuit." The Greek word both in Matthew and Septuagint is ketos, properly translated "whale," but there are only two or three small species of cetaceans in the Mediterranean sea. The description in the Koran answers to a porpoise.

After 40 days Jonas was inspired with the thought of prayer. Allah sent an angel to lead the fish ashore at the place where Jonas embarked. Then he was cast up, as weak as a new-born child. Allah inspired a doe to come and give him milk. The sun scorched his body and Allah inspired a gourd to spring up around a dry trunk and put forth leaves, which gave shade to Jonas. For 40 days he was suckled by the doe until he was able to rise and pray.

At last the gourd withered, and Jonas was aggrieved. Then Allah reproved him for not being aggrieved for the many thousands of the people whom he had deserted. Jonas was sent anew to the now repentant people. He met a shepherd, who told him they were seeking him. He bade the shepherd go and tell them he was here. "Where shalt thou be?" said the shepherd. "In this mountain," answered Jonas. "Who will bear witness that I have seen thee?" said the shepherd. "The dog," answered Jonas. Then the shepherd departed and Jonas entered the mountain. The shepherd went and told the king and people and they came forth to find Jonas. "Bear witness for me," said the shepherd to his dog, "as the prophet commanded." The dog responded distinctly, saying: "Jonas, son of Matai, prophet of Allah, was here." Then the shepherd said to the dog: "Be our guide," and she led them to Jonas, who was found deep in prayer. He rose and went with them to the city, and there remained until his death.—Chicago Chronicle.

At the Auction.

First Stranger—There's no use talking, these horse-dealers can fix a horse up so you can't tell what you are buying.

Second Stranger—That's so. There's one now that I'll bet the fellow who buys him will get sick of.

First Stranger—Oh, no—that horse is all right! I've just bought him.

Second Stranger—Well, I ought to know. I've just sold him.—Golden Days.

Authoritative.

Miss Prim—Mrs. De Fashion, I want to ask you a question. Some authorities say cheese should be eaten with a fork, and some say with the fingers, the same as bread. Now, which is right?

Mrs. De Fashion—Both are right, my dear. New cheese should be handled with the fork, but very old cheese should be taken in the fingers. It might wriggle off the fork.—N. Y. Weekly.

Ride the Orange County Express, take no other. A strictly high grade bicycle retailed at wholesale prices to introduce it in Middletown. Call and see it at C. Emmet Crawford's, 44 & 46 North street. 1dt

Easy to Take Easy to Operate

Are features peculiar to Hood's Pills. Small in size, tasteless, efficient, thorough. As one man

Hood's Pills

Small. "You never know you have taken a pill till it is all over." Dr. C. I. Hood & Co., Proprietors, Lowell, Mass. The only pills to take with Hood's Syrup.

HOW IT SPREADS.

People are Talking all Over Middletown—This Report Comes from Roberts Street.

How it spreads. Can't keep a "good thing" down. Ever notice how good things are imitated?

Better the article, more imitators. Fortunately the people have a safe guard.

Praise can't be imitated.

And true praise takes root and spreads. Claim is one thing, proof another. Claim is what the manufacturer says. Proof is what the people say.

Middletown people say.

Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys.

Cure all kidney ills.

Hundreds of citizens testify.

Here is a case in point.

Mrs. C. H. Coleman, of the Columbus Hotel, No. 46 Roberts street, says:—"Kidney disease runs in our family. I have been troubled for the past six years myself, but the greater quantity of Doan's Kidney Pills I bought at J. E. Mills' drug store were for my mother and one of my brothers. Backache so severe I could not stand it, and too stubborn to be affected by plasters, home remedies or physician's prescriptions, clung to me most of the time. I have left my bed late at night and gone to a doctor's begging him for relief. I could not wait until he was sent for. Urinary trouble set in. The deposit alarmed me. My general health was impaired and I considered myself lucky in being induced to try Doan's Kidney Pills. It was only a few days when I got relief and in five or seven more my trouble had disappeared. When they cured me so promptly I immediately sent some to my mother, who lives at Glenwood, Sullivan county. Her farm adjoins the Sullivan County Club House. The first box I sent her did her so much good that she made me send her some more. I have sent some to my sister who has the same symptoms as I, but at present I cannot speak positively about her or my brother. I can about Doan's Kidney Pills. No words of mine can express my opinion. They are easy to take, leave no disagreeable after-effect and go right for the kidneys."

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed by all druggists.

PERSONAL.—The gentleman who annoyed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing will find instant relief by using One Minute Cough Cure, a speedy and harmless remedy for throat and lung troubles. W. D. Olney.



W. L. DOUGLAS
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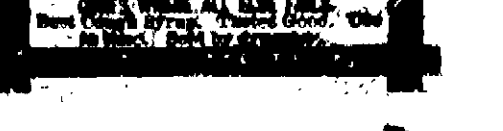
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OFFICIAL CITY PAPER.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frank's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 52°; 12 m., 64°; 3 p. m., 60°.

AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.

May 3.—H. H. H. at Casino.
May 3.—Informal card party and dance, under the auspices of the Young Ladies' Auxiliary of Thrall Hospital, at Assembly Rooms.
May 3.—Joshua Simpkins, at Casino.
May 13.—John Kendrick Banes at St. Presbyterian Church, under the auspices of the "Heart to Heart Circle of King's Daughters."
May 20.—An Evening with Burns, by Rev. Thos. Gordon, in First Presbyterian Church.
May 27.—"Comedy of Toys," benefit Ladies' Auxiliary of Y. M. C. A., at Casino.

MONDAY, MAY 3, 1897.

We are accustomed to think of the immense standing armies maintained by European countries as a terrible drain upon the resources of those countries, yet it is a fact that we pay much more in pensions than any of the great powers pay for the support of their armies. In 1896 the British Empire's military system cost \$88,500,475; France's Army of 508,263 men cost \$101,828,698 and the Imperial German army of 584,734 men cost \$113,330,976. Our pension roll for the same year was approximately \$144,000,000.

A great many prominent and respectable Republican papers have unreservedly condemned the record made by the last Legislature, but with scarcely an exception those papers will support, next fall, the Assembly candidates nominated by the Republican machine and their election will mean a perpetuation of the evils and inequities which are now so bitterly execrated. There remains no check on vicious legislation when caucus rule is substituted for the conscience and the intelligence of the individual legislator. The most objectionable work of the last Legislature was done under the party lash, applied in caucus.

Republican papers that are loyal to the machine are engaged in the thankless task of defending the Legislature's record and of trying to prove that a reduction of two one-hundredths of a mill in the tax rate shows economy in expenditure, although the total appropriations are \$4,000,000 greater than last year. The State tax rate has never had the effect on political results that it might naturally be expected to have or that it ought to have, but the extravagance, recklessness, extreme partisanship and corrupt methods of the Republican majority in the last Legislature have made a profound impression on the people of the State, and they may be confidently relied upon to rebuke it when opportunity offers.

THE APPROPRIATION ELECTION.

List of Items Which the Taxpayers Will Be Permitted to Vote Upon

The appropriation election will take place at the Common Council Chamber on Wednesday next from 2 to 8 p. m. Below we print the several items upon which the taxpayers will have the privilege of voting. The item of \$3,000 for permanent street work is for the purposes of paving King, Depot and Centre streets. The other items explain themselves.

It is the duty of every taxpayer to study these propositions so as to be able to vote intelligently.

Besides the propositions below the Common Council has appropriated \$43,438.86 and the Board of Education's requisition and other items that must be included in the tax levy amount to \$22,016.04, making a total of \$95,481.90 in which the people have no voice.

The following are the items to be voted upon.

Permanent street improvement	\$3,000
Stone crusher	1,200
Thrall Hospital	1,200
Alteration King street building	2,000
Fire parade	2,000
Middletown House Co. for ambulance and patrol service	700
Phonograph Engine Co. for patrol wagon	750
Gen. Lyon Post, U. S. A.	50
Total	\$9,900

Business Change.

O. O. Carpenter, the North street confectioner, has sold his business to Edson E. Kinn. Mr. Kinn is familiar with the business and will be able to carry it on successfully.

Unconditional surrender is the only terms those famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers will make with constipation, sick headaches and stomach troubles. W. D. Olney.

Ride the Orange County Express Bicycle

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

A \$3,000,000 FIRE IN PITTSBURGH

A Fire Lays Waste One of the Mercantile Centres of the Smoky City—Two Firemen Killed and Four Injured.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

PITTSBURGH, May 3.—The loss by fire, this morning, in the wholesale district is now given at \$3,000,000. Two firemen were killed and four were injured.

The burned district covers several acres, bounded by Fifth street, Cecil alley, Pennsylvania avenue and Liberty street. The fire broke out, cause unknown, about midnight, in the wholesale grocery building of T. C. Jenkins & Co. and burned with fury until 4, this morning. The insurance has not been figured up, but must surely exceed \$1,500,000.

The fire was one of the worst in the history of Pittsburgh and makes a desolate ruin of one of the finest mercantile centres in the Middle West.

WANTS AN ARMISTICE.

Edhem Pasha Asks for a Five Days' Truce—Bulgarian Irregulars in Macedonia.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

LONDON, May 3.—A special dispatch from Athens announces that Edhem Pasha has sent an officer with a flag of truce to Greek headquarters asking for an armistice of five days.

Another dispatch from Athens says it is again reported that 200 Bulgarian irregulars have crossed the frontier into Macedonia.

THE TARIFF BILL.

To Be Reported to the Senate as Soon as Republicans Show They Have a Majority.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Deboe, Kentucky's new Senator, was sworn in today.

It was arranged to-day with the Democratic members of the Finance Committee that the tariff bill should be reported to the full committee, to-morrow, if the Republican members desire to hold it no longer, and will be passed on to the Senate as soon as the Republicans make it manifest that they have a majority favorable to its being reported.

A CHURCH CASE IN COURT.

Anything But a Christian Spirit Shown to Preval in St. John's Church, Monticello.

In Judge Hirschberg's special term at Newburgh, Saturday, M. N. Kane, of Warwick, as attorney for Rev. David T. Howell, rector of St. John's Church, Monticello, moved to vacate an injunction granted by County Judge Smith, of Sullivan county, restraining Mr. Howell from striking the names of certain communicants from the register of the church. Ex-Judge Bush, of Monticello, appeared in opposition to the motion. Judge Hirschberg took the papers.

Mr. Kane argued in behalf of Rector Howell that the matter was an ecclesiastical one and that the civil courts had no jurisdiction. Judge Bush argued that even if the members of the church did not attend service because of their dislike to the rector and disapproval of his methods it gave him no right to mutilate the church records and since a wrong was contemplated the civil courts could be applied to to prevent its consummation.

The parties of record in the proceedings against Rector Howell are Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Waller, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Bush.

Back of this church feud lies the old monument feud, which has disrupted Monticello and divided the village against itself.

TWO DIVORCES GRANTED.

Mary C. Skinner and Samuel D. Courtwright Released from Marital Bonds by Judge Hirschberg.

Judge Hirschberg, at special term of the Supreme Court in Newburgh, Saturday, granted an absolute divorce on statute grounds to Mary C. Skinner from her husband, Nelson E. Skinner, both of this city.

The plaintiff proved two charges, the last offense having occurred at the time Mr. Skinner pretended to have been beaten and robbed by tramps and left lying unconscious on the outskirts of the village of Goshen, last summer. There were few people who believed the story at the time and Mrs. Skinner was among the number and began an investigation, which resulted in obtaining sufficient evidence to procure a divorce.

The defendant was committed to the State Hospital last January. He made no defense.

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FUNERAL OF DR. STRUBLE.

Private Services Held—Many Friends View the Remains in the Afternoon—Taken to Newton for Burial.

A large number of friends of the late Dr. H. McD. Struble passed by the casket containing his remains, yesterday afternoon, and took a last look at the familiar face.

The funeral was held at 6:30 o'clock, last evening, only relatives and a few intimate friends being present. The Episcopal burial service was read by Rev. David Evans, rector of Grace Church.

Rev. Dr. Wilson, of St. Paul's Church, offered a very feeling and appropriate prayer, in which he specially commended to Divine help and guidance the widow and the daughter of the deceased.

The remains were taken to Newton, N. J., for burial, this morning, on the 6:30 train on the N. Y., S. and W. Road. W. N. Knapp, of the firm of Knapp & Merritt, was in charge of the remains. The family were accompanied by Rev. David Evans and D. F. Seward and the following members of Hoffman Lodge, F. and A. M., who acted as pall bearers: T. A. Weller, F. A. R. Pronk, E. W. VanDuzer, A. H. Corwin.

At Newton, a brief service was held at the residence of Mrs. Emmons, a sister of the deceased.

THE GRADUATING EXERCISES.

Order in Which the Orators and Essayists Will Appear.

The graduating exercises of the Middle town High School will be held at the Casino, Thursday evening, June 24. The following is a list of the graduates and the order in which they will speak on that evening:

Anna McCrea, Abram Macardell, Florence Greene, Jessie Puff, Charles Mills, Olga Jefferson, Bessie Wilkison, Daniel Towner, Anna Corwin, Christine Myers, Spencer Weed, Emma Taylor Antoinette Conkling, Harry Reeve, Winfred Pillsbury, Sallie Jennings, Harry Greene, Christine Iseman, Irena Reeve, Wilson Crans.

The following members of the class at their own request will be excused from speaking: Frank Flynn, Frank Medrick, Fred Shannon.

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Sugar..... 113 3/4 114 1/4

Tobacco..... 69 3/4 70 1/4

Chicago Gas..... 81 1/2 81

Nat. Lead..... 31 31

General Electric..... 53 53 1/2

U. S. S. L. pref..... 20 1/2 20 1/2

Tenn. Coal and Iron..... 10 1/4 10 1/4

A. T. & S. F..... 72 1/2 72 1/2

C. B. & Q..... 71 1/2 71 1/2

C. M. & St. P..... 71 1/2 71 1/2

R. I..... 62 62

D. L. & W..... 145 1/4 145 1/4

E. of N. J..... 77 1/2 77 1/2

Erie..... 102 1/2 102 1/2

D. and H..... 104 1/2 104 1/2

O. & W..... 99 99

Susquehanna & Western..... 21 1/2 21 1/2

Susquehanna & West., pref..... 18 18 1/2

P. & R..... 102 1/2 102 1/2

N. W..... 102 1/2 102 1/2

L. S..... 95 1/2 95 1/2

N. Y. C..... 14 14

M. P..... 5 1/2 5 1/2

Texas..... 76 1/2 77

U. S. Union..... 43 1/2 44 1/2

L. & N..... 43 1/2 44 1/2

Manhattan..... 26 1/2 27

P. M..... 12 1/2 12 1/2

No. Pacific, pref..... 31 31

W. L..... 25 1/2 25 1/2

Southern Ry..... 70 1/2 70 1/2

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Jly Corn..... 175 1/2 175 1/2

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Jly Lard..... 4 1/2 4 1/2

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HOUSTON BROS.

DAILY ARGUS.

MONDAY, MAY 3, 1897.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

—Late styles in millinery at F. Crawford's.
—Bargains in dress goods and silks at Weller & Demerest's.
—Children's mull caps at Frank Crawford's.
—Waxons and harness for sale by F. L. Truex.
—Men's wool suits \$4.00 and \$5.00 at Ed. Ludwig's.
—Joshua Simpkins, at Casino, May 3d.
—Wall paper, carpet and matting cheap at Geo. B. Adams & Co.'s.
—Feathers bought by E. H. Gregory.
—Four rooms to let.
—Drawing of prices at Greening's.
—Money wanted.
—Girl wanted.
—Postum, substitute for coffee, at grocers.
—Doan's Kidney Pills. See testimonials.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—"Joshua Simpkins" at the Casino, Saturday evening.
—Hi Henry's minstrels at the Casino, to-night.
—A special meeting of the Common Council will be held, this evening.
—Regular monthly meetings of the several fire companies, this evening.
—Remember the prices for Hi Henry's minstrels are only 25, 35 and 50 cents.
—Arthur Deming, who has many friends in town, is in the cast of Hi Henry's minstrels at the Casino, to-night.
—Port Jervis's trustees have voted to raise \$8,000 for street work.

—The charity ball recently held in Paterson for the benefit of the city's hospital netted \$1,405.

—Mrs. Thomas Kenny returned, Saturday evening, with her children from a week's visit to relatives in Brooklyn.

—T. A. Murphy has moved his plumbing establishment from Union and Franklin streets to No. 28 Broad street.

—The Ed. Halligan who was fined, Friday, by Recorder Barnes for intoxication, is not Ed. Halligan, a well known young man of the North End.

—The Standard says that there are many empty stores and houses in Fishkill Landing and that the advance agent of prosperity has not reached there.

—Henry Loomis, a Smithville farmer, is feeding out his stock of hay, which has been in his barn for 26 years. This spring has been the first in that length of time when his mow has been reduced to such a point. —Newburgh Sun.

—The representative of an electric equipment company, which employs 300 hands, has been conferring with Norwich business men in regard to locating in that village.

—The amended Baines law has driven about one-fourth of Dutchess county's hotel keepers out of business.

—A couple of Fishkill Landing fishermen caught a nine-and-a-half pound shad in Newburgh Bay, Thursday.

—The Ramsdell school of business and shorthand has met with excellent success in finding employment for its students. The summer session will last until about the first of August and special rates are offered those who enter during the next three months. d.w.t.

—Warren Riggs, an eight-year-old Matteawan boy, while catching behind the bat, got too close to the batsman as the bat came back and received a terrific blow over the eye, which fractured the outer table of his skull.

—The informal card party and dance at the Assembly Rooms, May 6, under the auspices of the Young Ladies' Auxiliary of Thrall Hospital, promises to be one of the social events of the season. The tickets have been placed at the low price of \$1 per couple, including refreshments, and a large attendance is earnestly desired.

PERSONAL.

—Elgin McBurney, of New York, spent Sunday in this city.

—Mrs. George Carey is confined to her home on Grand avenue with quincy.

—Nate Hubbard, of Port Jervis, formerly of Chester, was in town, to-day.

—Miss Charlotte Wells has taken the position of type writer in the real estate and insurance office of E. B. Dayton.

—Miss Brooks, of Liberty street, has just returned from a ten days' visit at Middletown and Goshen. —Newburgh Journal.

—We are informed that Hector Osterhout, upon whom an operation was performed on Saturday, is very much relieved and his case now looks very hopeful.

—Mrs. F. R. Bonnell and Mrs. Livingston Gifford, of Jersey City, spent Sunday in this city visiting their sister, Mrs. G. A. Swartz, Jr.

—Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, of Altoona, Pa., who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Williams and other friends in this city and vicinity, started for their home, yesterday.

—A. U. Spelling, who has been confined to his house, No. 71 West Main street, for three weeks by a severe attack of inflammation of the bowels, is able to be on the streets, to-day, for the first since his sickness.

—Charles E. Durant, fireman on the Crawford train, was taken seriously ill, Saturday night. William Johnson, of Port Jervis, is filling his place.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. Cadwell Harding, of Watkins, N. Y., are in this city on a week's visit to relatives and friends and are guests of Eliza Harding, of Mill street. Mr. Harding was born here and was at one time leader of the old Middletown band.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mapes and son left here, Friday afternoon, for Middletown, where they will make their future home. During their residence here they have made many sincere friends and we are very sorry to have them remove from our village. —Port Jervis Gazette.

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A FORMER MIDDLETOWNER'S SUICIDE

Michael Metz Shoots Himself in New York and Dies Four Hours Later—Lays all the Blame on His Wife.

Michael Metz, a former resident of this city, where he carried on the cigar manufacturing business, committed suicide in New York about 10 o'clock, Saturday morning, at his home, 2,362 First avenue.

Metz was of intemperate habits and for several years his favorite tipple had been brandy. For the past three weeks he had been constantly drunk.

He left home Friday evening and did not return until about 10 o'clock, Saturday morning. He staggered into the kitchen and threatened to kill his wife. She picked up their child and ran from the room. She heard a pistol shot next moment, and, rushing back, saw her husband on the floor, with blood pouring from a hole in his left temple. By his side was a 38-calibre revolver. She screamed, and the neighbors called a policeman, who summoned an ambulance, and the wounded man was taken unconscious to Harlem hospital, where he died four hours later.

Three letters written in German were found in Metz's pockets. One was addressed to Christian Dansbach, who lives in Third avenue, between Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth street. It was as follows:

My DEAR UNCLE: I am in the mood, and must put an end to it. Please take charge of my insurance money for my dear little child, and see that he gets it. The money is \$250 from the general sick fund, \$150 from the Odd Fellows' Middletown Lodge and about \$150 from the Metropolitan Insurance Company. My wife is so mean that I don't care to write any more about it. She is responsible for this. She should not have anything but the household furniture.

A second letter was addressed to Johann Metz, at Lorsch, Darmstadt, Germany. It read:

DEAR SIR: This last letter and regards I send to you. When you receive this letter I shall have been buried. I cannot get along with my wife. For that reason I have not written to you. Goodbye, from one whose heart is broken.

The third letter was addressed to William Herwig, in this city. It was as follows:

DEAR SIR: I will say goodbye to you. I am very sorry, but I cannot help it. I have loved my wife as no other man can. I cannot get along with her. My life has been ruined with her. It is hard. Watch well over my child. Your son,

MCKEEL.

Several years ago while residing in this city Metz married Annie, daughter of William Herwig, the well known dealer in leather and shoe findings on Canal street.

For a time they lived happily but Metz began to dissipate and develop a disagreeable disposition that caused trouble between them. His business dwindled away, he got into debt as deeply as he could and then disappeared, going to New York.

Later he became reconciled to his wife and took her and their little son to New York where they have resided ever since.

When his domestic troubles began Metz laid the blame on his mother-in-law; in the letters written before his death when his mother-in-law was not there to shoulder the responsibility he charged it all to his wife, while neither was to blame. Metz's ugly disposition and intemperate habits were the cause of his troubles in life and his tragic end.

Mr. Herwig and family went to New York, Saturday and remained until after the funeral.

CONDUCTORS' CONVENTION.

Conductor Close and Wife Start for the National Convention in San Francisco

Conductor and ex-Alderman George Close and wife left town, this morning, on train 8 for San Francisco, where Mr. Close will represent Millard Division in the national convention of the Order of Railway Conductors. From New York they will go by the Pennsylvania Road to St. Louis, where a special train will convey delegates to their destination without any change. Mr. and Mrs. Close will be absent about six weeks.

William Kirby will have charge of trains 7 and 8 during Mr. Close's absence.

Mileage Book Suits Against the O. and W.

Frank S. Watson, a central New York man, has brought six separate suits against the Ontario and Western railroad company to recover penalties for alleged refusal to sell him mileage books. In two cases he was refused because he would not sign the usual contract, and in others he alleges that he was refused outright. Five of the actions are to recover one penalty, and one to recover ten penalties. The answer is a denial of the refusal to sell.

Seneca Brown a Poor Shot.

Seneca Brown says there was a flock of eighteen swans on Monhagen Lake, yesterday, and that he shot at them four times, but didn't get a bird. He lets himself down, however, by saying that he wounded one of them but it was able to get away.

Full Attendance of Excelsiors Desired

Excelsior H. and L. Co. will act upon the invitation of Young America Hose Co., of Poughkeepsie, this evening. A full attendance of active and active honorary members is requested.

That Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood and relieves a vast amount of suffering is not a theory, but a well known fact.

"My husband had two cancers taken from his face and another was coming on his lip. He took two bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters and it disappeared. He is completely well." Mrs. Wm. Kirby, Akron, Erie Co., N. Y.

A DEATHBED CONFESSION.

A Dying Negro Charges an Orange County Man With Murder—Inaccuracies in His Story.

Nelse Gwynn, a negro who died in the St. Louis City Hospital, Sunday morning, made an ante-mortem statement in which he charged that George Gregory, a former resident of Goshen, Warwick and Greenwood Lake, now of Quarryville, Rockland county, murdered the woman known as Mary Dorman, whose body was found near Rahway, N. J., in March, 1887.

Gregory was arrested on suspicion at the time but proved an alibi that satisfied the police, and was discharged. It is known that there are many inaccuracies in Gwynn's statement, the most glaring being that Gregory kept a hotel at Greenwood Lake in which Gwynn was employed as porter and the murdered woman as chambermaid. Gregory never kept a hotel at the Lake or elsewhere, and when at the Lake had a blacksmith shop and Gwynn was not in his employment.

It is not all likely that any action will be taken by the authorities on the strength of Gwynn's deathbed story.

CAME BACK AFTER THIRTY YEARS

James Crosby Returns to the Wife Whom He Deserted Many Years Ago.

When the war was over James Crosby, who had served with credit in the regular army returned to Highland Falls, this county, and married Amelia Connelly, one of the belles of that village. He engaged in business as a contractor and later secured a place in the New York custom house. Thirty years ago he disappeared, leaving his wife with four children, and nothing was heard of him until Friday when he returned to Highland Falls, hunted up some old acquaintances and, after a while went to see his wife, who fainted when he told her who he was. He gave no reason for his long absence and silence, but said that he was rich and had a good business at 225 Lackawanna avenue, Scranton, where he was known as S. A. Crosby. He assured his wife that he would take good care of her, as he certainly ought to do for during the years of his absence she has had a hard struggle to bring up the helpless family that he left her to provide for.

OBITUARY.

Levi DeWitt.

Levi DeWitt, a highly respected citizen of Sparrowbush, died at his home there, Saturday morning, after an illness of three weeks, aged seventy-two years. Death was due to the debility of old age rather than to any specific disease. Mr. DeWitt had lived in Sparrowbush for many years and was a leading member of the Methodist Church in which he held a number of official positions. He was a public spirited, upright citizen and his death is a distinct loss to the community. He is survived by his widow, two daughters and four sons, one of whom, Edward, is a resident of this city.

RECTOR EVANS'S GRATITUDE.

Thanked His Congregation for a Kindly Conspiracy.

Rector Evans thanked his congregation in church, yesterday, for the conspiracy of kindness with which they had provided for his material comfort in the new rectory. The "conspiracy" in question signified the handsome suite of parlor and dining room furniture which, to his grateful surprise, suddenly appeared from somewhere on Friday afternoon. The new rectory, Mr. Evans' home, is the house occupied by his predecessor, Mr. Seadding, at 14 Highland avenue.

New Musical Composition by Miss Gumaer

T. B. Harms & Co., of New York, have published a two step march entitled "On the Alert" by Miss Annie E. Gumaer, of Gwynn, this county. We have not yet heard the criticism of musicians upon this march, but judging from the success of previous compositions by Miss Gumaer, it is safe to presume that it a meritorious production.

A Very Busy Straw Hat Shop.

The Carroll straw hat works at Matteawan are very busy and are turning out an average of 650 dozen hats a day. The largest day's output was 780 dozen. The works have had a phenomenal trade, this year, and are far behind their orders.

Declined a Call to a Walden Church.

Rev. John Raven, of Metuchen, N. J., has declined to accept the call given him by the Reformed Church at Walden, and will remain with his present charge. His congregation offered him an increase of salary, which he declined, on the ground that the church could not afford to pay it.

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AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN COSHEN.

Game of Ball at Chester—Taken a Clerkship—Hunting's Circus Coming—Personal and Other Notes.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—L. G. Andrews spent Sunday at his home in this village.

—The Goshen Junior Base Ball team went to Chester, Saturday and defeated the team at that place 26 to 3. As much attention was given to saying unpleasant things to one another as there was to base ball playing. Consequently the relations of the teams are somewhat strained.

—James Lyons has taken a position as clerk in the clothing store of P. Samuels.

—Hunting's circus and managerie will exhibit at Goshen on Thursday, May 20. His advance man can find but very few suitable places to post bills announcing the fact, all the desirable places being covered by the lithographs of Forepaugh & Sells Bros.

—May devotions will be held every week day morning during the month at St. John's Church. They will consist of mass, followed by a short sermon, prayers and litany.

—M. Landy is laid up with rheumatism.

—H. W. Simpson, who at one time resided here, was in town, Saturday.

—The Board of Managers of the Convalescent Children's Home, will meet Tuesday evening in the parlors of the First Congregational Church at Middle town.

DOG Stole a Ham.

A large greyhound stepped up to the door of Greening's market, this morning, took a mental survey of the interior and watching his opportunity seized a small ham and walked off with it.

The dog either made a mistake in the kind of meat he was stealing or else took the ham merely to gratify his propensity for chieving for he carried the ham but a short distance and then deposited it in the gutter.

John Kendrick Bangs' Reading.

John Kendrick Bangs will read "Van Bibber's Failure" and "The Mayor's Lamps" also selections from "Coffee and Repartee" and "Houseboat on the Sty," on the evening of May 13, at the Second Presbyterian Church. Reserved seats at 50 cents will be on sale at Hanford & Horton's on and after May 6th. dlt

The Population of Chester.

Excise Commissioner Lyman has had censuses taken of a number of villages incorporated since the federal census of 1890, in order that he might fix the rate of liquor tax to be paid therein. Among the villages of which an enumeration has been made is Chester, this county, which is found to have a population of 1,314.

Photographs of Battle Flags.

Capt. McIntyre received, this morning, from Lieut. W. H. Mapes, of the Tenth Separate Co. of Newburgh, who is a photographer in that city, a handsome photo of the battle flags of the 124th Regiment, the Orange Blossoms.

When Traveling

Whether on pleasure bent or business take on every trip a bottle of Syrup of Figs, as it acts most pleasantly and effectually on the kidneys, liver and bowels, preventing fevers, headaches and other forms of sickness. For sale at 50 cents a bottle by all leading druggists. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only.

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Dissolution of Partnership.

The firm of J. & P. Cummings, grocers, who have carried on business at the corner of Fulton street and East avenue for the past thirty-five years, has been dissolved by mutual consent. John Cummings will continue the business at the old stand.

The partnership of the brothers in the distillery at South Centerville will be continued.

Laundry at Tuxedo Park Burned.

The laundry at Tuxedo Park village, owned and operated by James Horton, formerly of this city, was destroyed by fire, last night. The laundry was equipped with very fine machinery and did a large and profitable business. The loss is not less than \$4,000.

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HOW EASY IT IS.

How easy it is to spoil a day! The thoughtless words of a cherished friend. The selfish work of a child at play. The strength of a will that will not bend. The slight of a comrade, the scorn of a foe. The smile that is full of bitter things. They all can tarnish its golden glow. And take the grace from its airy wings.

How easy it is to spoil a day By the force of a thought we did not check!

Little by little we mold the clay, And little flaws mark the vessel wreck. The careless waste of a white-winged hour That held the blessing we long had sought, The sudden loss of wealth and power— And lo! the day is with its ill wrought.

How easy it is to spoil a life!— And many are spoiled ere well begun— In home light darkened by sin and strife, Or downward course of a cherished one: By toll that robs the form of its grace, And undermines till health gives way; By the peevish temper, the frowning face, The hopes that go and the cares that stay.

A day is too long to be spent in vain, Some good should come as the hours go by: Some tangled maze may be made more plain, Some lowered glance may be raised or high.

And life is too short to spoil like this; If only a prelude, it may be sweet; Let us bind together its thread of bliss, And nourish the flowers around our feet.

—Watchman.

HEART OF THE WORLD.

BY ADELINE KNAPP.

Gray shadows were creeping over the sand dunes beyond Pacific Heights. Only here and there a lanceolate beam touched the hills, from the crimson bal going out to sea through the golden gate. There was a scent of lilacs in the air, mingling with the more wonted perfume of February roses. The hum of the city sounded far away, and the song of a meadow lark could be heard from a treetop.

The door of the house stood open, revealing a broad hall. There was a suggestion, in the dim light, of waving ferns and the silvery gleam of a fountain, in the conservatory at one side. From the doorjamb there swayed in the breeze long ends of soft, snowy ribbon holding in place a cluster of white roses.

In the center of a stately apartment that opened upon the hall stood a tiny white casket on slender pillars. Two candles burned at its head. By a window a man sat gazing with unseeing eyes, in the creeping shadows of the trees. A woman lay in a crushed heap among the pillows of a divan. Neither had moved for a long time. The little form in the white casket had been there all. Now it lay scarcely stiffer than they.

Suddenly the silence was broken by the sound of a woman's voice, high-pitched and clear.

"Willy! Willy! oh, Willy!" it cried. A friend within the house hastened to the door. Along a pathway through the shrubbery a handsomely-dressed woman appeared. "Oh!" she exclaimed, advancing; "have you seen a little boy about four years old? My little boy is lost! Some one said they saw him come in here. I cannot find him; and I am afraid he has fallen somewhere in the sand dunes."

"Have you notified the police?"

"Long ago. They are all on the lookout for him. But he may be buried in the sand. We have been searching for hours. Oh, I have lost two little ones through death, but I never felt as I do this moment!"

The mother's heart wailed forth behind the cultured woman's enforced composure.

The woman who had been lying among the cushions came through the hall to the door.

"What is it?" she asked.

The friend put her arm about her and would have drawn her back; but the stranger spoke.

"My little boy is lost," she said, excitedly. "He is only four years old. We are afraid he is among the sand dunes."

"Oh!" cried the younger woman. "I am so sorry! Is there nothing we can do? Cannot we help you look for him? The poor little fellow! Think of him all alone in the dunes! How did it happen?" And she put her hand in the stranger's for sympathy.

The latter was full of her story of coming home from a round of calls to find the child missing and the other children seeking him. Even as she spoke, voices could be heard calling from the sand dunes: "Willy! Willy! oh, Willy!"

"I must go," cried the mother. "Oh, my heart is breaking! Willy! Willy! Where can he be?"

As she turned a passing zephyr blew the white ribbon on the doorstep straight out across her cheek. She started back, dismayed.

"Why," she cried, "you have a dead child in this house!"

"Yes," said the other mother; "my only child, a little boy just four years old, died this morning."

Tears came into the stranger's eyes. "Oh," she cried, "do forgive me! I am so sorry. I did not know. Dear heart! to think I should have troubled you. I too, have lost two children by death; but this is more terrible. My little boy! You see, I do not know where he is."

"I know," the other said, calmly. "You must let us do what we can for you. Oh, I am sure you will find him. Let me go with you. We will search together. Not to know where your baby is! Ah, what trouble there is in the world!"

She seized a wrap, and the two women went down the walk together. At the corner they were met by a boy of perhaps a dozen years.

"Some children say they met a little boy like yours goin' down toward North Beach," he said.

They hurried down the hilly street. "Have you seen anything of a little boy, about four years old, playing about here?" asked Willy's mother of a home-

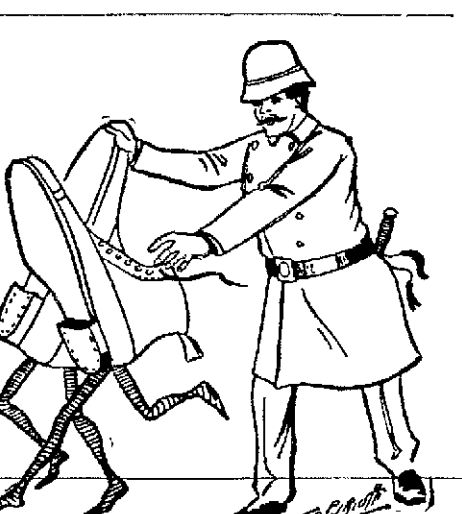


A sick woman can't be very amiable or very lovely. She must say good-by to the pleasures of life and to cupid's darts. Sickness makes a woman thin and sallow and listless. Her hair lacks lustre, her eyes are dull, her lips colorless. Generally she is troubled with pimples, blotches and eruptive skin diseases. These conditions generally arise from one of two causes, or from a combination of both. Either the digestion is out of order and the blood impure, or there is weakness or disease of the organs distinctively feminine. Ninety-nine per cent. of all the sickness of women comes from these two causes, and so ninety-nine per cent. of all woman's sickness may be cured by the medicines that will cure these causes. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is for weakness and disease of the organs distinctively feminine—and Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the best and most widely known remedy for all disorders of the blood, nerves or digestion. Sometimes one is needed; sometimes the other. It is safe to take both, and any woman who is so may be assured of the return of perfect health. Both are inventions of Doctor R. V. Pierce, who is now, and has been for thirty years, chief consulting physician of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y. The "Favorite Prescription," by sheer force of merit, has reached a sale greater than that of all other preparations of its kind. If you would like to know about both of these great medicines, send twenty-one cents in one-cent stamps, to pay the cost of mailing only, and receive free a copy, paper-bound, of Dr. Pierce's 1,008-page, "Common Sense Medical Adviser." It is a complete medical library in one volume, and should be in every household. If you want it, send a money order in French coin, send to cents extra (thirty-one cents in all). World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

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ward-bound laborer. "My little boy is lost."

"Shure, mem, now, that's very bad, an' I'm sorry," the man said, halting; "mebbe he'd be at th' p'lice station?"

"No, I've telephoned all the stations. Some one thought they saw him down here. What shall I do?"

The face of the big, rough man worked sympathetically.

"I'll kape me eyes open ez I go along home, mem," he said; "an' mebbe I'll see th' little feller. Tut, now! What it twore me own little 'im? He's just four years old, the rascal, an' 'twad kill 'iz mother, shure. Ah, but it's wearyin' an' comfortin' to th' heart, mem, the children bez."

The way grew more squalid as they kept on toward the Beach. On a doorstep a young woman sat holding a little child, and looking anxiously down the street.

"Have you seen a little boy?" the older mother began, and again the sad little tale was told.

"No," said the other woman; "but I hope you'll find him, lady. I know how you feel. Me heart's sore over me own little Joey, here, and me man away looking for worruk. The baby is that sick! an' Jim, me other lad, he's gone for medicine. I don't know what's keeping him."

"Let me see the baby," and the mother, whose little one lay dead at home reached out her jeweled hands. The child was placed in her arms.

"Why, he is very ill indeed!" she exclaimed. The little one's face was livid. The baby's fingers were clutched over each tiny thumb, and the tiny body shivered convulsively.

Willy's mother eyed the little form knowingly. "The child should be put into a warm bath at once," she said.

The three women entered the house and busied themselves over the sick baby. She whose child was lost found a battered kettle and put water to heat over the single-burner lamp. The other one undressed the little form, while the wee sufferer's mother stood wringing her hands in helpless pain.

They worked rapidly, tenderly; but it was nearly an hour before the terrible convulsions were over and the baby was resting on the bed.

"God bless you, ladies!" the poor woman cried, as she saw relief creeping over the drawn face; "you have saved my baby's life!"

"But oh, my own little boy!" and the other mother hastened to the door. "It is quite dark and I do not know where he is."

"Sure, lady, the good God will never let your baby be lost!" but the two strangers were gone.

"Oh, where will he sleep to-night?" murmured Willy's mother. "Your boy is safe with God, but where, where is mine?"

Up the street an older boy came tearing. "Mamma! Mamma!" he cried, while yet afar off; "a policeman's found Willy and taken him home!"

"Oh, thank God!" said she whose child was with the All-Father—"thank God!" but the other could not speak.

It was a triumphal progress back to the more aristocratic quarter.

"They've found yer bubby, ma'am," a street urchin cried, who was calling papers on the street corner. A Mexican tamale vender volunteered the same information in broken English, and in the next block a woman threw open a window and leaned forward.

"A policeman took your little boy home, madam!" she called, joyfully.

Near home a gleeful band of children met them.

"He's found—he's found!" and the chorus rang throughout the neighborhood.

The two mothers kissed tenderly and parted. As the younger one turned to enter her childless home her eyes were swimming with the first tears she had shed that day; but they were tears of thankfulness.

On the doorstep of the other home a man stood, holding a child in his arms.

"We've got him," he called, quickly, as he bent to kiss his wife; and then his arms closed tightly around them both.

"O, Willy!" he said, "how could you frighten us so? Why did you do it?"

The curly head was raised and the blue eyes opened in surprise.

"Why, papa," said the little voice, "Mary said they wuzent any oranges for dinner, an' I went out to buy some!"

—N. Y. Independent.

Flashlights.

Advice is one of the unpleasant small-er vices that the truly good forget to condemn.

Don't persist in error—after you're found out; and don't be found out if you can avoid it by persisting in it.

Paste this in your hat: The easiest way to become immortal is to be the first to say what is self-evident.

The average man feels complimented when you call him bad in a laughing sort of a way.

In taking the chances, first look out that they are not against you.

A lightning calculator—the weather prophet.

A man is known by the umbrella he keeps.

Money talks occasionally, but there are times when it is deaf and dumb.—The Jester.

Got Ahead.

A sea captain and a lawyer lived next door to each other. One very windy night the lawyer was reading a book in his study when a terrific crash upstairs startled him. Upon investigation he found that a chimney had hurled itself through his roof, doing considerable damage. He discovered it was the sea captain's chimney. Hastening down to his library, he pulled out his law books and hunted up similar cases, devising and scheming how he could secure satisfaction from the detestable captain. While thus engaged, a note arrived from his enemy that read as follows: "Sir: If you don't return those bricks at once, I will put the matter in the hands of the law."—San Francisco Argonaut.

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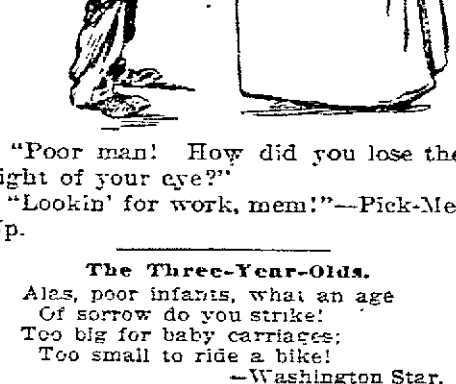
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"No."
"Ever mixed up in a newspaper scandal?"
"No, sir."
"Ever got divorced?"
"Sir, my reputation is above reproach!"
"Well, you've got a nerve to ask me to star you, with all those disadvantages."—Town Topics.

Good Reason for It.
It was the seventh time she had tried on the gown, and she still had fault to find with it.
"It doesn't seem to me," she said, "that it becomes my complexion."
The dressmaker shrugged her shoulders.
"Madame forgets," she said, "that she has not the same complexion she wore last time she was here."—Chicago Post.

Quick Action Often Wanted.
Man wants but little here below, So wrote a poet long ago; But now and then, when times are sad, Man wants that little mighty bad.
—N. Y. Truth.

A MODERN GEORGE WASHINGTON.



"Poor man! How did you lose the sight of your eye?"
"Lookin' for work, mem!"—Pick-Me-Up.

The Three-Year-Olds.
Alec, poor infant, what an age Of sorrow you strike!
Too big for baby carriage;
Too small to ride a bike!
—Washington Star.

Foreseen.
Mrs. McSwatt—Billiger, when I asked you to get a book for a birthday present for brother John I supposed you would select one that had at least a substantial binding. This one will fall to pieces before he has it six months.
Mr. McSwatt—No it won't, Lobelia. It will last that brother of yours 100 years, in any kind of binding. It's a book on manners.—Chicago Tribune.

In the Heejee Islands.
"What did you say the name of this missionary was?" asked King Kwipapa.
"Live ever, your highness," said the trembling chief; "he said it was John."
"Well, for a change"—King Kwipapa looked lovingly at his toothpick—"let us have a Jackpot-pie."—Town Topics.

His Views on Labor.
First Tramp—Do you believe in keepin' out the pauper labor of Europe?
Second Tramp—I don't mind the pauper labor, but when it comes to lettin' in paupers what don't work, I'm afraid they'll crowd us feller into lookin' fer a job.—N. Y. World.

His Offense.
"The New Woman's club will never hire Tenor, the singer, again."
"Why so?"
"He was billed to sing four times at their annual dinner, and each time he varbled 'What is Home Without a Mother!'"—N. Y. Truth.

An Unfeeling Comment.
"Willie Washington," said the friend, "is one of those people who tell everything they know."
"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne, wearily, "and he doesn't talk very much, either."—Washington Star.

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.
For the information of our readers, we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of all the fire alarm boxes in this city:
14—Wickham Ave., cor. Prince, O. & W. R. R.
15—North street and Low avenue, hat shops.
16—North St. and Weber Ave., type shop.
17—Railroad avenue and Montgomery street.
18—Grand avenue and Prince street.
19—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
20—West Main street and Walkhill avenue.
21—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
22—James and Henry streets.
23—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
24—Lake avenue and West street.
25—W. Main street, corner Monahan avenue.
26—State Capital Gate.
27—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
28—Rear of State Hospital.
29—Fulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
30—High and Huxford streets.
31—Canal street, condumery.
32—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
33—Fulton street and South street.
34—Cornwall and East streets.
35—Academy avenue and Hopson avenue.
36—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
37—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
38—Academy avenue and Gaiting street.
39—Myrtle and Prospect avenues.
40—Grant street and Sprague avenues.
41—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
42—Franklin Square.
43—State before a box number, denotes that a test is being made.
1 stroke denotes circuit broken.
2-2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
4 strokes of bell denotes recall, fire is out.

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MILLIONS OF ACRES.

A VERY IMPORTANT SUIT INVOLVING TITLE TO TEXAS LANDS.

Cornelius Macardell and other Stockholders in the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company to Recover 4,340,339 Acres of Land—The Points on Which They Claim Title to the Property Which is Worth Over \$20,000,000—A Chapter in the History of Railroad Wrecking.

Cornelius Macardell and other stockholders of the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company, holding about 17,000 shares of stock, are plaintiffs in a very important suit that has just been begun against the Central Trust Company and its President, Frederic P. Olcott, Collis P. Huntington, the Southern Pacific Company, the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, the Metropolitan Trust Company, Charles Dillingham and other wealthy men and corporations.

The suit involves the title to 4,340,339 acres of land in Texas, valued at \$20,000,000, which the plaintiffs claim they were juggled out of in the reorganization of the road, which was sold under foreclosure in 1888 and passed into the hands of the Southern Pacific interest.

The land in question was granted to the Houston and Texas Central railroad by the State of Texas. A controlling interest in the road was owned by the Morgan Steamship Co., and in 1884 this interest was sold to C. P. Huntington, who elected his own board of directors, and from that moment the road, which had been a paying property, began to be involved in financial troubles, the outcome of which was the creation of an enormous indebtedness, followed in the usual manner by a receivership, foreclosure and reorganization, under which the freeze-out assessment of \$70 a share was levied on Houston and Texas Central stockholders. This was simply confiscation, and none of the stockholders paid the assessment.

The bonds under which foreclosure was had expressly stated that they were not due and payable, even in default of interest, until the expiration of the time for which they were issued. The entire bonded debt of the road amounted to about \$16,000,000, \$4,000,000 less than the value of the land alone at a low valuation of \$4 an acre, while the fact is that some of the lands are among the choicest in Texas and easily worth \$50 an acre.

At the foreclosure sale the road was sold in one parcel and the land in another. The Central Trust Co. bought the road for the Southern Pacific and the land was bought by F. P. Olcott, the president of the Trust company, and title to it is vested in him and his heirs and assigns. Mr. Olcott took title to the land for the reason that, under the laws of Texas, the Southern Pacific Railroad Co., being a foreign corporation, cannot hold title to lands in that State; hence Mr. Olcott acts as its go-between.

Plaintiffs in the present suit charge collusion and fraud in the foreclosure and sale of the effects of the Houston and Texas Central Company and claim that the bonds not being due the sale under them was fraudulent and void and that the land by right belongs to the stockholders in the original company and not to Mr. Olcott nor through him to the Southern Pacific or the reorganized Houston and Texas Railroad. They also ask that Mr. Olcott be required to hold the land in trust for the old Houston and Texas Central stockholders.

An action similar in all respects to the one now pending in the Supreme Court of this State will be instituted in the Texas courts. The case promises to be one of the most celebrated in the annals of litigation in the two States. Ex-Judge Dittenhoefer and Russell H. Landale are the attorneys for the plaintiffs.

RAINES LAW AMENDMENTS.

Did Not Make Middletown a Sahara—A Few Places Closed—Fifty-seven Men With an Unquenched Thirst.

The Raines law amendments had little effect upon the sale of liquor in this city, yesterday, and any one who had the price had no difficulty in quenching his thirst.

There was a slight flurry, however, in several quarters where the "hotels" were not up to the standard of the Raines law requirements. A tip was passed that the police were on the lookout for violations and several places, which, in the early morning hours, did a rushing business closed their doors about 9:30 o'clock.

At one of these saloons fifty-seven men, by actual count, tried to get in between the hours of 9:30 and 10:30 o'clock, but were turned away disappointed.

An Old Mail Carrier.

John Findley has just been awarded a 38-cent contract for carrying the mail between Port Jervis and Milford for the next four years. Mr. Findley has carried the mail on this route for thirty-six years, and is one of the oldest mail carriers in the United States.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him. **WEED & TRUEX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WALKER, KINNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.**

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surface of the system. Testimonials free. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

YELLOW WITH AGE.

Interesting Documents of Orange County's Colonial Days in the Possession of an Ohio Man.

From the Norwalk, O., Chronicle.

Those who love to examine relics of the past would be intensely interested in a number of old documents in the possession of Henry S. Mitchell, of this city. We were shown by him two old deeds, one executed by Adrian Benardet, of New York city, a merchant, in his own right and as executor of an estate representing nearly two score people, conveying to Nathaniel Finch, of Goshen, Orange county, New York, 500 acres of land in the latter township for a consideration of \$562 (\$2,810). The deed is written upon tough parchment paper, and every line was evidently done with a quill pen.

The document, although showing many marks of age, is in an excellent state of preservation and is dated May 12th, 1773. It is a most complete description of property, even the most minute detail being described. It contains nearly 4,000 words.

Another deed, not so long, but as carefully drawn and in a similar manner, dated May 3, 1775, is given by William Armstrong, Sr., Yeoman John Dunham and Abigail, his wife, Yeoman Nathaniel Finch and Hezla, his wife, and Yeoman Rinier Wortendeke, of Goshen, Orange county, N. Y., to John Roe, and conveys 124½ acres of land in that town for a consideration of five shillings "current, lawful money of the State of New York."

Mr. Mitchell also has the will of John Roe, executed at Florida, township of Warwick, Orange county, New York, in which Mr. Roe disposes of his personal property, real estate and wearing apparel and a negro boy, "Joshua."

The will begins: "In the name of God, Amen," and is dated January 17, 1798, the 22nd year of American independence.

Another interesting relic is a Revolutionary pension claim for \$8 per month by Adam Decker, a private, and bears the signature of the great statesman, John C. Calhoun, as secretary of war.

THE RONDOUT VALLEY RAILROAD

Hearing Before the Railroad Commissioners on the Monticello Company's Application.

The State Railroad Commissioners gave a second hearing, Friday, in New York, on the application of the P. J. M. and N. Y. Railroad Co. for permission to extend its line from Summitville to Kingston. The application is opposed by the O. and W., which does not want its line from Summitville to Ellenville paralleled. The Monticello Company would prefer to make a traffic arrangement with the O. and W. for the use of the Ellenville branch, but desire to secure the right to build an independent line so that the O. and W. may not be in a position to dictate its own terms.

Another hearing will be had next Friday.

O. AND W. BRIDGE COMPLETED.

Trains Again Running Regularly—Great Accumulation of Freight.

The O. and W. temporary bridge, at Fish's Eddy, was completed, yesterday, and trains began running over it, this morning.

Since the old bridge went down, the O. and W. has not moved any except local freight, and there is an accumulation of freight at all points along the line and much hard work was done, yesterday, getting ready to move it.

Want to Start a Canning Factory at Walden.

Gibbons & Newland, who proposed to locate a canning factory at Wallkill, Ulster county, did not receive sufficient encouragement and have now applied to Walden business men for financial help. They will put in \$2,000 and ask citizens to take \$8,000 in stock. It is proposed to can tomatoes, peas, beans and corn. In the busy season from thirty to thirty-five hands will be employed.

Casino Theatre.

ONE NIGHT ONLY.

Saturday Evening, May 8th.

MR. T. T. ROOK,

in the successful comedy drama,

JOSHUA

SIMPKINS

Most All Laughs.

Special scenery and mechanical effects.

Singing and dancing.

Thrilling saw mill scene.

Hear the Famous Joshua Simp-

kins' Orchestra.

Band Parade.

Look out for the farmers.

NEW HAMPTON.

Vacation Week—Personal and Local Notes.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—The schools in this vicinity enjoyed a vacation last week as the teachers were attending the institute.

—Mrs. J. L. Mills has been quite sick with a cold.

—Mrs. H. T. Stage has been visiting her daughter in Brooklyn.

—T. J. Denton has been confined to the house with an attack of asthma.

—Rev. A. W. Hallock with his family has moved into the parsonage.

—Calvin Knapp is the happy possessor of a fine new bicycle.

—J. C. Wickham is having his house painted.

ONE CENT A WORD

for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

FEATHERS BOUGHT

or taken in exchange for work at the Steam Carpet Cleaning Works, corner Fulton street and Sprague avenue. Telephone call 125.

E. H. GREGORY.

THE Latest styles in Children's Mill Caps. 144½ P. CRAWFORD, 15 W. Main street.

FOR RENT—Four rooms, modern, No. 18 Oak street, 87. Enquire at 26 Mills avenue.

NUMBERS 8,519, 7,342, 1,125, 9,088, 9,412 (for price) at

323rd GREENING'S

WANTED—\$5,000 at 5 per cent. T. ARENS office.

GIRL Wanted for general housework in family of four. Apply at this office.

WE are showing the latest styles in millinery. A large assortment of hats, flowers and trimmings to select from at bottom prices. An inspection will convince you.

144½ P. CRAWFORD, 15 W. Main street.

MRS. L. J. MASTERSON, formerly of this city, has returned to Middletown, and has set up dressmaking at 40 West Main street, first floor, where she will be pleased to see her old customers, as well as new ones. 2941m My29

FOR SALE—First-class, well established Cafe, doing fine business. 2544t

DR. FRANCIS VALK will be at Dr. T. D. Mills' office, Thursday, May 6th. 144½ Sat

THE Annual meeting of the stockholders of the Middle-town Glass Company, for the purpose of electing directors and officers for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of C. H. Fuller, on Centre street, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening of May 30, 1897.

144½ Sat

A BUSINESS EDUCATION—Railway and Commercial Systems practically taught—Stenography, typewriting and telegraphy—school of commerce No. 47 Washington street, Middletown, N. Y. Day and evening. Established 1895. 2941m My29

G. H. WYTHE, Mason and Builder, Jobbing Middle-town, N. Y. R. O. Box 451. 2941m My29

SMOKE the Admiral Cigarette. Picked with every package. Fifteen smokers will secure a handsome leather cigarette case; 20, pearl handle pocket knife; 50, Spaulding croquet; 60, bicycle lamp; 75, handsome watch (set set). 2941m My29

Electric Cigar Store, No. 12 North street, Middletown. 2944t My29

CLAYTON—PROF. W. H. SAGENDORF will return to Middletown May 10th and remain one week at Wm. S. Roe's, 37 James street. 144½ Sat

FOR RENT—Three rooms on second floor, suitable for offices, in building corner of North and King streets. Apply to 554t

C. J. EVERHART, 4 King street.

EXTRACTING with gas 50c, odontunder 50c. No charge for extractions when secured. Teeth are to be inserted. Best teeth, 40c, 45c and \$10 a set. Twenty years' experience. 2944t My29

DR. ROBINSON, 44 and 46 James St.

DON'T Forget the Crystal Ice Co. delivers ice at 25c a hundred. Office at 19 South street. C. F. HEDGECOCK. 2941m My29

SUCCESSOR to Bank & Tiedeman.

ANOTHER LOT (not a carload though) of those 2 quart Fountain Syringes just received. A regular 12c syringe reduced to 4c to sell them out quick. Every one warranted perfect. CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

CHAMBERS' Magic Headache Cure is splendid for sick or nervous headache. Price 25c for 12 cures. Be sure you get the right kind. Sold only at CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

FOR SALE or to let from April 1st—Two new cottages, one on Harrison street, 7 rooms; one corner Albert and Beattie avenue, 6 rooms. All modern improvements. Inquire BULL & YOUNGBLOOD. 2944t

CRAB is now in his new store and is prepared to do all kinds of shoe repairing and making. Will also sell leather and linings. No. 29 West Main street, next door to Pumps and shoe store.

MAGIC Compound Extract of Sarsaparilla, with iodine potent, one of the best sold in blood remedies known. Large bottle, 100 full adult doses, 75c. Sold only at CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

PROF. LOUIS JESTER, Teacher of the Science of Music Art, and Physical Culture and Natural Development. Massage Treatment a specialty. Casino Building. 2944t

PAPER HANGING at 12c a roll; also all kinds of painting. Estimates on all work cheerfully furnished. ELLIOTT MARY. Shop 5 Academy Ave.

MRS. REDFIELD, Manicure and Hair Dressing, 14 East Main street, second floor. Nails correctly treated. Hair dressed, bleached, dyed, shampooed, dry shampooed, etc. Hair goods and preparations for sale. Switches made. Face steamer and face massage. 43 44t

LOOK at our Trimmed Hats at \$3.75, worth \$4.75. We will sell to-day those fine London walking hats at \$2.25, sold nowhere else for less than \$2. Special sale of Flossers at 15c and 25c worth 25 and 35 cents. We are headquarters for good ribbon at low prices.

214½ W. H. H. BUSH, 14 North street.

FOR RENT—Four rooms, first floor, double house, Wawayanda avenue. Good well and clean. \$8.

MERRILL & BURKE, Attorneys, No. 57 North street.

JULIUS HINE and GUSTAV GUNTHER, Fine Custom Tailors. We have opened a clean, bright and repairing shop for ladies' and gents' clothing at No. 14 Canal street. Prices to suit the times. Only fine work will be done. Give us a call. 2942m My29

TO LET—Four rooms, rent \$6, in Stren's Building, 15 North street. 214½

CHAS. J. KID, Jr., 70 Academy avenue—3,300 designs in Wall Paper. Estimates furnished for painting, decorating and hanging. 714t

TO RENT from May 1st—The store on West Main street, formerly occupied by A. T. Saylor as a dry goods store. 294t

Enquire of H. H. HENT, 28 Cortland St.

MUSICAL Instruction on mandolin, piano, violin, guitar, harp, flute by VINCE MAGGIO, 48 North street, second floor. 2941m My29

BANKING HOUSE OF

HENRY CLEWS & CO.,

11, 13, 15, 17 Broad St., New York.

MEMBERS OF THE N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE

Orders for Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Cotton executed for investment or on margin. Interest allowed on deposit accounts. Act as Fiscal agents for corporations. 2946m My29

Another Great Sale at the Economy Store. Wash Goods.

7½c for fine printed Organdies, prevailing price 10 cents.

9½c Handsome Batiste, prevailing price 12½ cents.

10c for Corded Lemon Batiste, prevailing price 15 cents.

16c Gents' Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, prevailing price 25 cents.

85c Gents' Silver Gray Shirts and Drawers, prevailing price 50 cents.

Gents' Underwear.

16c Gents' Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, prevailing price 25 cents.

85c Gents' Silver Gray Shirts and Drawers, prevailing price 50 cents.

Ladies' Silk Handkerchiefs.

19c hem-stitched, very pretty embroidered letters, value 25 cents.

15c fine cambric Handkerchiefs, with Venice point lace border, value 25 cents.

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